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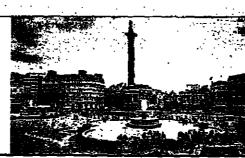
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HOMORROW NEW

# Job agency boss joins ranks of Labour's big business donors

Professor Reed said last night: "New Labour is firmly in the centre

ground, speaking up for the things that matter to the British public. I

think Tony Blair is an exceptional

leader who has brought hope back

By PHILIP WEBSTER

THE chairman of Reed Executive, the employment agency, was named last night as the Labour party's latest big business donor. Labour officials told The Times that Alec Reed was giving the party £100,000, lifting to £6 million the total it has raised in individual gifts from business people.

Greg Dyke, chief executive of Pearson Television, and Lord Daily Express, were also named as donors, both of them giving between £25,000 and £50,000.

Mr Blair will today press John Major yet again to refer the issue of party funding to the Nolan committee on standards in public life.

Labour officials revealed the donations hours after John Major had spoken of the "secret fund" that was being used to fund Mr Blair's private office. It was confirmed last Conservatives to do the same.

News and Media, which owns the crived up to £500,000 through a "blind trust" and did not know the

> Mr Major said: "They call for openness in funding but have 'secret funds themselves. I wonder what the parliamentary word for that behaviour is."

But Labour party officials said that it was determined to be open over where its funds were coming negative campaigning I am doing my bit to help Labour fight back and put the positive vision the country longs for."

to British politics. Given the huge sums the Tories have for their

Professor Reed's donation is the one of the largest so far announced. It follows the Elm pledged by the late Matthew Harding, vice-chair-man of Chelsea football club, who died last month in a helicopter accident, and Bob Gavron, the publishing millionnaire, who donated £500,000. Paul Hamlyn, the publisher, gave £600,000.

Labour is planning to publish all the donations it has received over £5,000 next year but it is to announce them gradually, hoping each time to add to the pressure on

mainly by a new election fund campaign committee which includes members such as Mr. Gavron, Lord Attenborough, the film maker, Michael Levy, head of a music publishing group, and Tom Sawyer, general secretary of

They are backed by a new party business committee which includes members such as Christopher Haskins, chairman of Northern Foods, Geoffrey Robinson, MP for mer chief executive of Jaguar Cars, Professor Reed and Sir David Puttnam, the film producer.

Mr Harding would have served on the committee and had already made several introductions to

Labour officials said that Mr Blair had been advised that those backing his private office should stay anonymous although he would have been happy for them to

# Major faces revolt over EU debate

By Philip Webster, Political editor, and Andrew Pierce

facing one of the biggest European revolts of his premiership as pro-Europeans united with Euro-sceptics to protest against his refusal to the single currency.

Leaders of the backbench 1922 Committee were seeking an early meeting with the Prime Minister after he and Tony Newton, the Commons full-scale discussion on timee directives relating to economic and monetary union (EMU).

In the Commons, Mr Major was openly contradicted by his own side as he claimed that the regulations had already been given "detailed scrutiny" in a rowdy committee session on Wednesday. Both Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown tried to twist the knife and last night Mr Blair wrote to Mr Major felling him that he must not "cheat" the House of a proper discussion.

Later a private meeting of the 1922 Committee of Tory backbenchers delivered what MPs called a "umanimous and uncompromising" message to Mr. Major that he must change his mind.

Sir Marcus Fox, chairman of the committee, and two other officers were asked by the executive of the committee to seek an urgent meeting with Mr Major to convey the full weight of backbench anger. Unusually, they were asked to see him last night.

The Prime Minister was reported to be in no mood to

JOHN MAJOR was last night back down. Conservative sources said last night that Mr Major would be seeing Sir Marcus next week. Sources said: "He will be happy to listen to what the chairman allow a Commons debate on has to say, but for the moment there is nothing to add to what

was said this afternoon." The Times understands that several Cabinet ministers were in favour of allowing a separate Commons debate on leader, resisted demands for a EMU before the meeting of European finance ministers on December 2. But they were over-ruled by the Prime Minister and Kenneth Clarke, the

Mr Blair echoed the view of Tory Euro-sceptics that Mr Major was refusing the debate because he did not want to expose the pro-European Mr Clarke to sensitive questions in the Commons on the single currency. He said: "In view of the extraordinary importance of the European reports on a single currency - matters which may be decided by ministers in December -

would you agree on reflection that it would be quite mon-strous to deny this. House a chance to debate, in full, those As Tory Euro-sceptics such as John Redwood shook their heads. Mr Major insisted: There was detailed scrutiny in the standing committee. In

due course we will be tabling the appropriate motion. No final decisions are taken at the meeting of finance ministers." Mr Blair replied: "Wouldn't you be a good deal more

honest if you simply stood at that despatch box and said you are afraid to have the Chancellor stand and debate these issues?"

Mr Major retorted: "Anyone who thinks Mr Clarke isn't willing, able and compe-tent to debate with you or anyone on any subject, simply doesn't know him."

It is understood that Mr Clarke assured other ministers yesterday that there was no likelihood of any legislative decisions on single currency preparations being taken at the finance ministers meeting and that MPs would therefore have ample opportunity to discuss the issue at a planned Commons debate on Europe before the Dublin summit.

But this line was unacceptable to most Tory MPs who want a separate opportunity to debate, and if possible vote upon, detailed issues surrounding the preparation for a

. In the Commons, Mr Major was contradicted by David Heathcoat-Amory, the former minister who resigned over Europe. The MP had been present at the Commons Standing Committee B which looked at the regulations on Wednesday and he told Mr Major, to cheers from his colleagues, that there had been "no proper scrutiny". The Government has to

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#### Widow is barred from Top cartoonist The Times cartoonist Peter Brookes has been named best taking sperm abroad political cartoonist of the year in the 1996 Cartoon Trust awards. Mr Brookes also

By Emma Wilkins and Kathryn Knight

works for The Speciator. Briton escapes DIANE BLOOD, the widow who fought a court battle for Christopher Howes, a British mine-clearance expert, is said to have escaped from Khmer Rouge guerrillas. He had been presumed dead...Page 2 the right to use her dead husband's sperm to conceive, was distraught last night after being told she would not be

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up high — they have just been dashed. able to take the sperm abroad

for articifical insemination. The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority decided that Mrs Blood, 30, should not be allowed to travel to the Continent to receive fertility treatment

Mrs Blood, whose husband Stephen died 18 months ago of bacterial meningitis, had spoken of her optimism after the authority said it was going to review the issue at the end of

However, last night her father Michael McMahon said the Human Embryology had contacted them with their final decision. "Diane is extremely upset, very disap-pointed and outraged at the way the authority has behaved. Even though she was

trying not to be too optimistic. inevitably she had her hopes

"Her mother is with her now, trying to comfort her and tell her that it's not the end but she is obviously in a very emotional state. The authority have not

even given any of their rea-



Mrs Blood: optimism after court failure

## fortunes of Dover sons for turning her down and

we think that is especially

The fight will now go to the

The authority is bound by

the 1990 Human Fertilisation

and Embryology Act to disal-

low the use of sperm in Britain unless the donor has given his

written consent. However, in

cases where sperm is to be

exported or imported, it has

The authority decided last

month to reconsider Mrs

Blood's case after considerable

media coverage of her plight.

After the High Court turned

down her application, Baron-

ess Warnock and Lord Win-

ston, both fertility experts, spoke out in Mrs Blood's

The authority, which called

a press conference last night.

abandoned its plans when a

spokeswoman discovered that

Mrs Blood had not yet been

informed of its decision.

discretionary powers.

outrageous," he added.

Court of Appeal, he said.

By JONATHAN PRYNN TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE closure of the Channel Tunnel has brought a return to the boom times for Dover with record numbers of cars and lorries bound for France pouring into the struggling Kent port yesterday.

As Eurotunnel admitted that two of its three main safety systems failed during Monday's fire, the tunnel remained barred to all traffic except a few freight trains -36 compared to 300 car.

freight and Eurostar passen-

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ger services on a normal day.

port of Dover, which has seen

almost half its business lost to

the tunnel in the past two

years, reported handling an

all-time record of 5,484 lorries

Passenger numbers have

also leaped by more than 50 per cent since Monday's blaze. In total, ferries to and from

Dover carried 44,734 passengers, 8,889 cars and 302

yesterday.

coaches.

#### TIMES EUROSTAR TICKET OFFER

**Channel fire boosts** 

Eurostar said yesterday that it would honour all valid free ticket applications made under the current Times offer despite the temporary suspension of services caused by the closure of the Channel Tunnel, In addition, Eurostar has agreed to extend the time the offer can be taken up by four months to August 31, 1997. As the authorities have not yet

the tunnel for Eurostan sevices it is possible that availability of travel on free tickets before Christmas may be affected. Readers should continue to apply for tickets as previously announced. Full travel details will be included in the packs which will be sent with the ticket voucher. Today's token, page 39

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## More children from better off homes expelled

By David Charter, education correspondent

pelled pupils are being swelled by disruptive children from middle-class backgrounds who lack fathers as role models, Ofsted, the school inspec-

tion agency, said yesterday. Government figures confirmed yesterday that expulsions have more than tripled since 1990, with 11,084 children banned from their schools

David Moore, a senior inspector with Ofsted, said that schools in affluent areas were increasingly banning children. Research showed that those involved often had fathers absent either through work commitments or marital breakdown.

Mr Moore was speaking at the launch of an Ofsted study which said that some schools were too ready to expel and blamed boring lessons for encouraging disruptive be-haviour. His findings echoed warnings from independent school heads that "opulent neglect" was causing a wave of unruly behaviour in exclusive

Tony Evans, chairman of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference of leading independent schools, spoke this year about the danger to classroom order posed by parents too busy

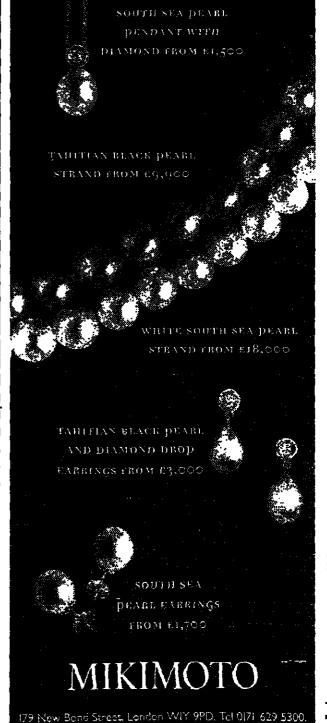
their children. Mr Evans stirred national debate on family life when he said that schools were having to cope with the emotional crises of children whose parents were too busy to talk to them.

Inspectors from Ofsted visited 39 schools for the report and found a common pattern of pupils misbehaving where the father was missing as a role model. "It puts a lot of pressure on the mother." Mr Continued on page 2, col 5

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'I was expelled last vear. but I'm still waiting for my dad to come and collect me



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## Demons gloat as ill winds blow no good for skipper



Gardiner: bad omen

escribing Wednes-day's Commons proreported the appearance in the Commons chamber of an omen, and a sinister one: Sir George Gardiner (C. Reigate), a thin smile upon his lips, standing at the Bar of the House, We noted that when trouble for the Tories was brewing, Sir George was seldom far away.Yesterday the omens multiplied.

Three or four benches back from the front bench. below the gangway and somewhat to its end, lies the epicentre of an invisible zone. No more than six yards square, it is a zone of menace for Tory Cabinets: a vortex of the forces of mutiny.

It was from here that Geoffrey Howe launched his fatal attack on Margaret Thatcher, from here that Thatcher took aim at her successor's Maastricht agreement from here that Norman Lamont described John Major as "in office but not in power". The ghosts of such occasions still inhabit those benches. As unmarked on formal Parliamentary mans as the Rermuda Triangle is unmarked on navigational charts, this small patch of green leather radiates spirals of stress, anger and treachery.

Positioned just off-centre in the Commons Triangle for Prime Minister's Questions

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note of before, technically,

Mr Major can agree to anything in Dublin. MPs

cannot debate the motion but

could vote it down, and many

were last night vowing to do

so. The Government can be

expected to table the motion

late at night, probably on a

Thursday, so it can be voted

At least 60 MPs crowded

into the 1922 Committee

through on a quiet Friday.

POLITICAL SKETCH

ing, his silent presence was enough. It will have chilled Majorites as might the appearance of a death's head in their midst. And there was worse. In the Peers' Gallery above, the gaunt features of Norman Tebbit leered down like some malign gargoyle, gleeful witness to their discomfiture. Lord Tebbit had come for the fun - and to be

An observer who was profoundly deaf could have read the scene as accurately as we who could hear. What we heard was Tony Blair seizing the advantage and forcing the Prime Minister into an awkward defence of the Cabinet's decision not to allow a debate on the European

Monetary proposals.

The subject may be arcane

the exchanges difficult (in cold print) to weigh - but there was no mistaking Tory backbench anger, or ministe rial embarrassment.

If meteorologists could weather-map political trouble, this morning's charts would show an area of intense pressure situated, not over the Azores, but over the Commons Triangle. Puffing an ill wind from the top right corner, like those cherubim on antique maps, would be the pursed cheeks of Lord

meeting. Christopher Gill,

the Euro-sceptic MP for Lud-

low, was cheered when he

declared: "Right-wing Mps

are at breaking point in

terms of support for the

The latest controversy

comes only days after Mr

Major infuriated backbench-

ers who have traditionally

been loyal by refusing to give

them the same free vote

which Labour MPs enjoyed

Government.

Tebbit. The sea monsters

such maps show would bear the faces of prominent Tory Eurosceptics, cruising around the Prime Minister.

In a small boot, storm-tossed but still afloat, John Major and his Chief Whip would peer anxiously over For Mr Major, respite from the storm came near the

of PM's Questions when, in riposte to Labour's John McAllion (Dundee E). who had been unwise enough to raise the subject of fat-cat funding of political parties, Major lashed back vith angry cloquence at the blind trust" which funded the Labour Leader's office. The Tories cheered lustily. Thus the Prime Minister

rescued himself in the final round. Just when Major seems to be sunk, a fair wind and a flash of sunshine saves him. Just when he seems to be sailing free another hurricane strikes. His torment, prolonged for their private amusement by the gods of politics, has endured so long now that rescue, when it comes, comes almost as an act of crueity. One begins to wonder whether the gods could be preparing their most extraordinary interven-

John Wilkinson, one of the

eight Tory Euro-rebels once

stripped of the whip, said: "!

now comprehend the rage

that filled the breasts of the

parliamentarians in the Civil

the colonies in the American

revolutionary war - because

the issue at stake in both

occasions was an abuse of

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executive power."

ar in this country and of

# Major faces revolt by MPs

There were 151 separatists led by a division commander. including Howes 11 guards," he said. They helped him escape. It took a long time because there were problems in travelling. I spoke to him today by radio and he said he is very well but very thin." Mr Howes father, Roy, 68,

Anlong Kranh village in the

company of Khmer Rouge guards and defectors, the gen-

eral said.

panion and interpreter, was

General Nhek Bun Chhay,

Deputy Chief of Staff of the

Cambodian Army, said that

both would fly to the Cambo-

dian capital, Phnom Penh,

today. The two men, members of the British-based Mines

CAMBODIA

Advisory Group,

reported to be with him.

said: "I am very happy about what we have heard, but we will treat it with great caution." Mr Howes, who travelled to London with his wife Betty yesterday, said he was now too old a soldier to be taken in by rumours: "Until we hear it from the Foreign Office we shall unhappily regard it as rumour."
His son was assisting the

Cambodians in clearing mil-

Mines expert flees his Khmer Rouge captors

FROM ANDREW DRUMMOND IN BANGKOK AND HUW WATKINS IN PHINOM PENH.

A BRITISH mine clearance lions of landmines left after protracted civil wars involving to be fit and well after fleeing the Khmer Rouge. He and his eight months' captivity with interpreter were abducted Khmer Rouge guerrillas. Christopher Howes, who was close to the Angkor Wat. temple complex, a remoté earlier reported to have been tourist attraction, in March. After his capture Mr Howes killed, was said by a Cambodian Army general to be fine "but very thin".

declined an invitation by the Khmer Rouge to go free to The former army corporal collect a ransom they had from Bristol is believed to be demanded, preferring instead at sheltering with Cambodian to remain with his 28 colleagues. As a result all 28 were troops in the central province of Kompong Thom, in an area released while Mr Howes and previously controlled by Pol Mr Hoerth were kept as Pot, the Khmer Rouge leader. Huon Hoerth, a Cambodian described as Mr Howes' com-

In August, the Bangkok Post said Mr Howes had been executed and that Mr Hoerth had died of malaria in July. Friends and family of Mr

Howes spoke yesterday of the leadership qualities of the Falklands veteran. Fiona Talcott, MAG's southeast Asia desk officer, said Mr Howes was a valued and well-respected member of its Cambodian team who trained local Cambodian staff to identify and dispose of the wide variety of mines that litter the Cambodian countryside.

Some Cambodian army n ports suggested that Mr.
Howes was being forces to
apply his endosive endoses
in making boints and the for the Khmer Rouse.

Mr. Howes Capacity and leadership and endurance was clear from an early age, according to a scout leader who

knew him in his school years in Nailsea, north Somerset.

Phil Siggins, Scout leader of lst Nailsea Troop in the early 1970s, said he was an enthus astic boy who, aged 15, com-pleted the 35-mile Ten Tours army yomp across Darmoor. "I also remember him for keeping a very cool head when one of the troop fell off a rope, knocking himself uncon-scious. Christopher remenbered how to summon help by blowing out an SOS call on a whistle and the boy was quickly taken to hospital."

Mr Siggins, 68, who is a close friend of the Howes family, said everyone had round Chrisopher's parents in recent months. The couple had made several appeals, begging their son's cap-tors to set their minds affest. Mr Howes trained bomb disposal with 33 Engineer



Christopher Howe before he was seized. His parents said they wanted confirmation before believing he was free

**Public managers** 

must carry the

adviser.

Regiment (Explosive Ord-nance Disposal) in the late 1970s. He spent seven years with the corps doing operational tours in Germany, Belize. Northern Ireland and the Falkland Islands.

After working in the quarrying industry Mr Howes found a peaceable application for his military skills when he joined the Mines Advisory Group in 1993. He worked dearing mines and training civilian

able to the public.

ters' accountability.

Shephard, Education and Em-

ployment Secretary, who twice in recent weeks had to become

involved in the difficulties of

problem schools. He said that

the right people had to be accountable and problems

could no longer be hushed up.

They had to be openly answer-

able to the public for their actions and decisions. He

criticised Ministers for de-

fending the status quo and described the present poistion as "an unsatisfactory half-way

Lord Nolan spoke out last

night because he is concerned

that while the Government

has pressed ahead to intro-

duce more efficient manage-

ment styles into the civil

service, they have failed to

respond to the public pressure

for public services to be more accountable.

He argued that chief executives were frequently public

figures and he cited the early

days of the Child Support

personnel in Kurdistan and Northern Iraq before being sent to Cambodia in Novmeber 1995 as a rechmical

It was in Kurdistan that he reportedly earned the name "Nine Dogs Howes" for his skills with a sniper's rifle seeing off feral dogs. He was described by colleagues as a cool-headed individual.

Additional reporting by Peter

Hospital waiting list grows longer

The number of patients waiting for more than a year for NHS treatment has risen almost 50 per cent in these months, as hospitals cut back on non-urgent cases to bal-ance their books. At the end of September, 15,000 people had waited more than a year, compared with 10.374 at the end of June. Last March the figure was 4,574. However, it is still lower than in Septemwas 27,900. The total number on waiting lists has also risen slightly by 0.4 per cent to 1,060,200, and is now 2 per cent higher than a year ago.

Jobs campaign

A campaign to restore the rights of Irish and Commonwealth nationals to work in key public service jobs has been mounted by civil service unions. Since June new recruits with Irish or Common wealth passports may not an allegiance to the Crown".

Benefit extended

Hundreds of workers affected by the asbestos-related cancer mesothelioma vesterday won the right to £100-a-week in-dustrial injuries benefit Thousands of miners who suffered respiratory illuess caused by inhaling dust and fumes underground will also be awarded £50 a week.

Millennium fillip

The Millennium Exhibition Greenwich, southeast London, received a significant boost with the announcement that the Government is huving the derelict site on which the millennium dome will be built. The polluted peninsula is being bought from British Gas for £20 million.

Pit fee attacked

The terms of a £2.5 million "success fee" for N. M. Roth-schild and Sons for advising on the sale of coal mines were fixed after some stages had been successfully completed, the Commons Public Accounts Committee reported. Such terms should be fixed in advance in future, it said.

Council fined

Carnden Council in north London was fined £44,000 with £11,500 in costs at Clerkenweil Magistrates' Court yesterday for offences that could have killed 150 council failed to ensure that flues and installations to 200 gas fires were inspected.

Stones succeed

The German magazine Der Spiegel has agreed to publish a correction to an allegation that the Rolling Stones mimed some of the songs during their Voodoo Lounge world tour, Walter Scheuerl, a lawyer for the group, said. In return the Stones have agreed return the Stones have agreed not to claim damages.

Car premiums up

The average motorist could be paying up to £30 more on a £350 car insurance policy in the new year because of increasing claims and an increase in tax. Young drivers and those in professions con-sidered high risk could face even greater increases in their

Bird degree

The veteran cricket umpire Dickie Bird finally received an honorary doctorate from Sheffield Hallam University after snow had stopped play. The presentation, at Sheffield City Hall, took place after freak storms earlier this week had caused the cancellation of the original ceremony.

Toilet auction

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A two-day auction of treasure recovered from the wreck of the Royal Mail steamer Douro ended with the sale of the ship's lavatory. It went for £495, bringing to £1,508,200 the total sale proceeds. The Douro sank in the Bay of Biscay in 1882 with the loss of

## **Terrorist** bomb is defused in

**Ulster** BY NICHOLAS WATT

ARMY bomb disposal experts yesterday defused a 600lb car bomb planted by republican terrorists outside the main RUC station in the centre of Londonderry.

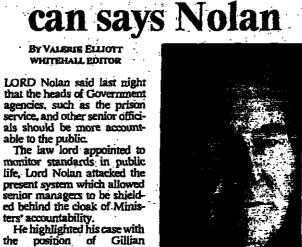
Troops acted after the "Continuity Army Council" of the IRA, a splinter terrorist group, issued bomb warnings to radio stations and local newspapers on both sides of the Irish border just after 11.30am.

A caller, who did not use a codeword, said that a 600lb bomb had been packed into the boot of a Renault II car outside the Strand Road RUC

Within minutes of the warnings police evacuated most of its staff from the RUC station and people from nearby buildings. At around 1.00pm army bomb disposal experts carried out a contrailed explasion on the device.

A security source said that the bomb would have devastated a large area of London-derry if it had exploded outside the RUC base, which is about 300 yards from the city's Guildhall. The source said: "It was a viable device. Home-made explosives were packed into 13 bags."

John Hume, the leader of the SDLP, who is the MP for Foyle, condemned the bombers. He said: "I am obviously deeply angered by this. The people who are engaged in this activity are the enemies of Derry and of the people of Ireland."



Nolan: attacked lack of accountability

former head, Ros Hepplewhite, was as much a target of public protest as the Minister. The Civil Service was now a complex structure and officials could no longer expect to work anonymously within their "departmental bosom". Speaking in his second Rad-cliffe Lecture at Warwick University. Lord Nolan said: "If accountability is only through Ministers, in respect of an agency with hundreds of offices and thousands of clients, the chain is too long, the person who should be answerable remains shielded from public view and true account ability is weakened."

He reiterated his view that the civil service had long used ministerial accountability as an excuse for secrecy, but he warned that it was now being used to slow down the growth

Continued from page 1 Moore said. "The absence of a Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Sec-

children were excluded from

many who are excluded."

father can have an influence and that also applied to middle-class children who were high achievers. Where their fathers were absent, the opportunity for them to take advantage was increased." retary, said official figures yesterday showed that 1.365

primary schools and 9,197 should be able to contain

from secondary schools in 1994-95. She said: Schools must have the right to exclude the small minority of severely disruptive pupils whose be haviour is intractable. But permanent exclusion should be a last resort, and Ofsted's report indicates that schools

## Affluent expulsions

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# Female 'husband' fooled wife for 17 years, judges told

A'TRANSSEXUAL whose 17vear marriage to a wealthy society heiress ended when his wife discovered "he" was a woman who wore a false penis lost his claim in the Court of Appeal yesterday for a share of their marital home.

The 50-year-old "husband" said that he would now take his case to the European Court of Human Rights for the money and access to his two children. They were born after the wife was artificially inseminated after telling a fertility clinic her husband had had a

She had admitted being sexually inexperienced and be lieved her husband was either "deformed or just very small". In fact, her husband had been born and brought up as a girl, though by the age of 17 was living as a man and using a improvised prosthesis to have sex with women.

He later underwent hormone treatment and had both breasts removed before meeting his future wife at a restaurant where they were

. The wife, who is heiress to an estate worth "tens of millions", only discovered her



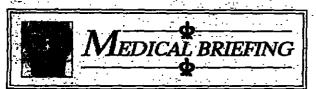
Lord Justice Ward:

family row prompted her to hire a private detective who found his birth certificate.

In their 83-page judgement yesterday the three appeal court judges agreed that the transsexual had deceived his wife and committed perjury at their wedding when he said there was no lawful hindrance to the marriage.

Lord Justice Ward said that although "the plight of the transsexual should command sympathy" his deception had traumatised his wife. "The facts of this case boil down to

## The women who make sacrifices to live like men



Dr Thomas Stuftaford

woman formed a lasting rela- was a paediatric houseman. tionship with another woman an adolescent boy and even went through a form of marriage. Twenty years ago a survey showed that nearly all transsexual women who have surgery to change their apparent gender find a female lover, and many establish an enduring partnership

A Nor is it rare for children to be involved. Often the partner who plays the wifely role already has children of her own. In other instances, as in the case which was heard by the Court of Appeal, children a result of artificial

What is most remarkable is that the wife in the recent court case was unaware that such masculine appearance as her husband had was the result of surgical and medical skills, and not of nature. The wife was apparently deceived by her partner's double massculinisation achieved by hormone therapy. The voman either presumably didn't recognise her partner's dildo for what it was, or thought that it was an essential aid for most men in their

sexual activities. Some older women brought up when sexual mores were very different had a lack of knowledge of anatomy and physiology which is unbeliev-

IT IS no surprise to doctors to able to later generations. hear that a transsecural Nearly 40 years ago, when I brought to out-patients by his abnormal genitalia. I sugg ed that the deformities should have been noticed earlier, but replied that there were only two penises she knew well. her husband's and her son's, and how was she to know

> which was standard issue? The transsexual woman, who has often had a mother who found it difficult to deeply-rooted conviction that she is a man, despite all the anatomical evidence to the contrary. The woman feels that her genitalia are not only propriate to her gender, as she believes it, but actually abhorrent, and she therefore seeks the medical profession's help in order to re-model herself. These women have often worn male clothes from an early age, have camou-flaged their gender, and have enjoyed male pursuits while

> they were growing up. Female transsexuals have case in the 19th century. a man served as a man in a Scottish regiment and was only found to be female after she was wounded, when it also transpired that she had actually had a baby before

The action was seen by lawyers as a test over the legalisation of transsexual marriages, recognised by many European countries.

Lord Justice Ward said he had sympathy for both parties in the "sad story", and ruled that neither could be identified in any way so as to protect their children — a boy now aged 9 and a girl aged 4.

The judge recounted how the couple met when the wife was aged 19, eleven years younger than the transsexual, and an unhappy theology undergraduate disaffected by university". Their sexual relationship began soon after they met. They began to live together and on July 7, 1977, went through a ceremony of marriage despite opposition

from the plaintiff's family. "Many — and I am one of them — will find it quite astonishing that there was no single occasion in 17 years of life together when her eyes did not see, or her hands or her body feel, or her senses tell her that she was living with a man who had the genital formation of a woman, a man who did not simply have a small or deformed penis, but had no penis at all

The relationship began to break down in 1994 and the wife petitioned for divorce, telling a close friend of "peculiarities... his nipples, the scars under his arms, the fact that he used an artificial penis and the (blood stains)."

The defendant had never undergone the recommended surgical construction of a pehis and retained the genital organs of a woman. He gave evidence how they had sex using a fake penis made of plaster of Paris which he wore constantly.

He contends that after their marriage his wife discovered his vagina while they were in bed. "She said, 'Do you want to talk about it ?'. I said 'No'. That was stupid."

His wife denied such an incident and insisted her hushand never revealed his true gender. She never saw him naked, she said.

The marriage was formally annulled in October 1994. Justice Ward, Lord Justice Potter and Lord Justice Neill refused the defendant any financial settlement from the

marriage. Madeiline Rees, who represented the defendant, said after the ruling: "The civil rights of transsexuals have still to be recognised in this country which is why we shall pursue this to the House of Lords if possible, and then

certainly to Europe. "All he was seeking was half the value of the house he helped build, about £200,000. His wife has tens of millions and will give him nothing, nor let him see his children.

☐ The UK is almost alone in Europe and the rest of the common law world in refusing to allow the approximately 50,000 transsexuals in the country to change their birth Court of Human Rights said it was not an infringement of rights but Terrence Walton, a solicitor, believes the UK will come under pressure over the position. Allowing birth certificates changes would create other legal rights revolving

# Mystery £2.5m lottery winner plays for time

By Carol Midgley

city's marina at lunchtime

trailing a 100ft banner with

the words: Two million

pounds prize - is it you?"

Camelot also kept its hotline

open until lipm so that the

£2.540,754 could be claimed.

Some £160,000 in interest has

been lost since the prize was

The possible winner instigated a major hunt last Friday

when she wrote to the paper

saying she was too frightened to collect her money, claiming:

All the fuss would finish me

off." She said that the ticket

was left by her late husband who bought it at II o'clock on

Friday, May 24, this year.

"Enid", who has no surviving

family or friends except a

home help, refuses to pick up

won in May.

my ticket to show I have no a THE secretive widow who claims to be the reluctant winner of £2.5 million on the intention of claiming any money, I am sorry if I have caused any inconvenience." National Lottery yesterday As the final hours ticked insisted she had no intention away yesterday Camelot charof collecting the money before last night's lipm deadline. tered a plane to fly over the

in a second letter to her local newspaper the 89-year-old woman, understood to be called Enid and from Hull, enclosed part of a lottery ticket bearing the winning numbers with a note saying this proved she would not claim the prize. Camelot staff, however, said it was impossible to judge whether the slip was genuine and could not rule out a hoax. In her letter to the Hull Daily Mail, the "winner" said:

"I was very shocked and a little upset to see my letter in the paper and on the news. All wanted to do was to put the public's mind at rest as to the hereabours of the ticker.

But now the matter is out, it's best for all I bring an end in it I enclose the numbers of her cheque because she wants the money to go to the hospitals that looked after her sick husband.

Stan Szecowka, deputy editor of the Hull Daily Mail, has been running an appeal for the elderly woman to come forward to claim her prize so that the money does not go into a good causes national pool. He said: "The original letter writer has been back in touch with us and, despite our requests, has repeated that she will not come forward. We have agreed not to release any more details that could identi-

"Since we published details of the first letter, scores of people have come forward claiming to have bought the winning ticket. Several people have also written in claiming

The winning numbers were



## Diana's mother 'may have been upset by letter'

THE "tearful and distraught" demeanour of Frances Shand Kvdd, mother of Diana, Princess of Wales as she was driven home by police after being arrested on suspicion of drink-driving may have been received, Oban Sheriff's court was told yesterday.

Detective Sergeant Dugald MacCallum of Oban police said Mrs Shand Kydd, 60. wept during the 25-minute drive to her home on the island of Seil, Argyll and Bute. on April 5 and was not her normal self.

Sergeant MacCallum was giving evidence on the second day of Mrs Shand Kydd's trial belore Sheriff William Dunlop. She denies charges of driving while over the alcohol limit and failing to provide a breath test.

Andrew Hardie, QC, Dean of the Faculty of Advocates and head of Mrs Shand Kydd's four-strong defence team, asked if Mrs Shand Kydd had offered any explanation for her distressed state receiving a communication or letter that day. Sergeant MacCallum said he did not know if she mentioned it that day or the next.

He said Mrs Shand Kydd had admitted to him that she had not eaten all day because it was Good Friday, but she had had a glass of wine. Asked if he thought she was drunk, Sergeant MacCallum said: "I

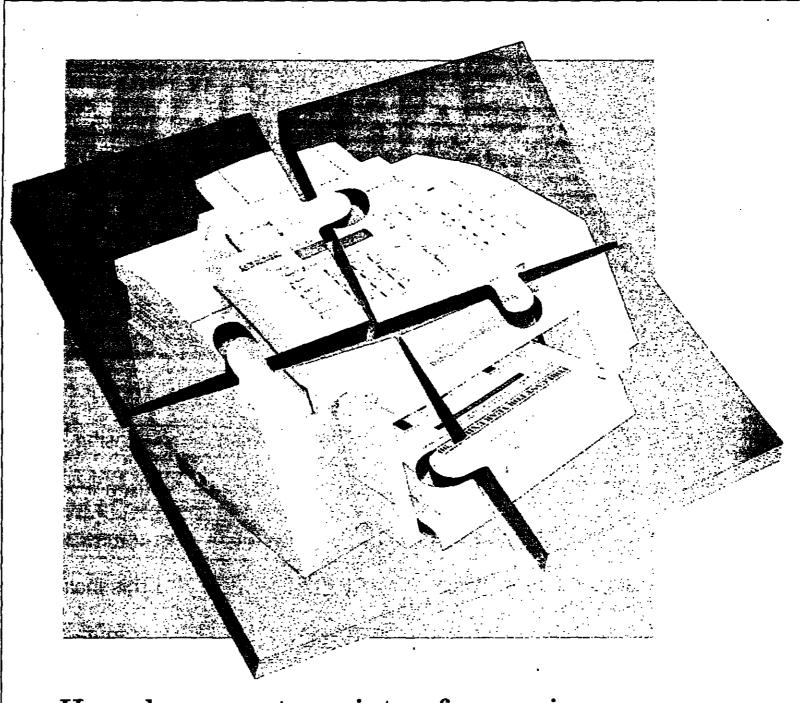
honestly would not like to say." One and a half hours earlier. Mrs Shand Kydd had been arrested in Ohan after an off duty police officer spotted her walking unsteadily towards her car, bumping into parked vehicles, before getting into it and driving off.

She was arrested and a blood sample taken with her permission. It was divided between two phials. Mrs Shand Kydd was offered one, which she refused, he said. grams of alcohol in one millilitre of blood, exceeding

the 80 milligram limit. Constable Michael Woods insisted that the police procedures were followed throughout using form 482, which outlined the correct method of obtaining blood samples. This crucial document subsequently went missing and has never been found. The court only has a photocopy taken before it was lost as evidence.

Mr Hardie claimed that Mrs Shand Kydd was unsteady on her feet because of an earlier fall which had injured her left ankle and knee. She also had trouble with her right leg after an operation in 1987.

Her eyes were red, not because of alcohol, but because she had been crying. he said. He suggested her emotional distress had been sparked by a communication received possibly that same day. The case continues.



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By Joanna Bale and Jonathan Prynn

TUNNEL SERVICES: PASSENGERS

Eurostar services are operated jointly by the state

railways of France and Belgium and a private British

consortium, London & Continental Railways. Sharehold-

ers include Virgin and National Express. The electric

trains can reach 186mph, and travel at 100mph during

their 20-minute journey through the tunnel. They do not

carry vehicles. The trains link London Waterloo with the

Gare du Nord in Paris and Gard du Midi in Brussels. By

last week the services had been stepped up to between 14 and 16 departures a day to Paris and between six and eight to Brussels. Through services from Scotland and the Midlands are to start next year.

CAR TRAINS

Eurotunnel operates a fleet of nine Le Shuttle trains

between Folkestone and Calais for travellers in cars and

coaches. The service rans round the clock, 365 days a year.

and before the fire had reached a frequency of about 60 traits a day in each direction. Vehicles are driven on to the half-mile-long traits. The drivers and passenger can stay in their nexts or wander around the carriage during

the 35 minutes reaching. The carriages are divided by fire doors designed as contain a blaze for at least 30 minutes. After a slow start the service has become hugely successful falling about 45 per cent of the Calais traffic—and agree [48008 ears and coaches a day.

FREIGHT SHUTTLE

outservice. Truckers announce their vehicles onto the

Unlike car thurstes, passengers on the freight service transfer reparately from their vehicles. After driving their

FREIGHT CONTAINERS

A British Rail subsidiary, Rail Freight Distribution, in partnership with the French state railway SNCF, operates about 20 container freight trains a day. These are mainly

long-distance services carrying goods such as cars and aggregates to Italy and Spain. They have no passengers and so were the first allowed back into the tunnel. The

service lost 668 million last year and is being privatised.

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findsht similes a key in each direction at, carrying a total of about 2,000 tracks. hes, passempers on the freight service

EUROTUNNEL admitted distenday that the train that day was ablaze before it stered the tunnel, and that 1000 of its three safety systems had failed. A French magistrate said that an investigation had not ruled out sabotage after reports of an incendiary device being thrown by strik-ing French lorry drivers.

With the tunnel still shut last night to all but a few freight services, Alain Sertrand, operations director, confirmed that security suards saw smoke beiching from a rear wagon before the larry shuttle entered the tunnel. The driver was instructed to continue his 40-minute journey rather than stop and reverse out, so that the fire could be tackled more easily in Folkestone rather than in the Tunnel. M Bertrand said.

He added: "When smoke is

detected it is normal procedure that the train should try to reach the other side. Reversing is more dangerous because it means stopping."

This first safety procedure because the driver: stopped the train in the tunnel. A power failure, caused by the fire, then crippled the second safety measure, which should have involved automatically uncoupling the burning wagon and continuing to Folkestone with all passengers. safely in the lounge wagon.

He added: "We do not know why the driver stopped, but we do understand that a warning light went on in his cab telling him to do so. Part of that system is connected to the bridge plates on the side of the wagons which open to enable forcies to be loaded onto them. The driver stopped in a controlled way in front of the door leading to the service tunnel.



Bertrand: evacuation

was successful where our third emergency

measure, an evacuation of 31 passengers and three crew. was successfully carried out." Despite sophisticated ventilation systems designed to prevent evacuating passengers being overcome by furnes, eight suffered smoke inhalation, two of them severely, and they were taken to hospital. Mr Bertrand said there had been two Eurostar trains, two tourist shuttles and one other freight shuttle in the tunnel at the time of the fire: Procedures were applied scrupulously, allowing everyone to be evacuated safely."

Investigations into the cause of the fire continued yesterday under the authority of a French judge. One of the examining magistrates involved in the case, Gerald Lesigne, said that he had not ruled out sabotage: "We believe the fire started on the lower part of a lorry or on the upper part of a wagon. There is no evidence of an incendiary device but we haven't been able to rule that out."

Contractors are expected to remove the nine wagons still inside the tunnel next week. after rebuilding buckled tracks. Damaged power ca-bling was said to have been bypassed, but the damage to the concrete lining of the tunnel had not yet been fully investigated.

Eurotunnel executives yesterday continued to gather documentation requested by the Channel Tunnel Safety Authority before it will give the go ahead to Le Shuttle. Eurostar and shuttle train services recommending. Despite 13 hours of intensive talks on Wednesday and the delivery of hundreds of documents detailing safety procedures, three out of the four Channel Tunnel train services remained halted last night. Container freight services were the only revenue-earning trains moving, about three an hour in each direction.

Eurostar said it had stopped taking bookings until the end of the month, and had given up forecasting when the service would be running again. it emerged that marathon over the issue of how passengers on shuttle or Eurostar trains would be evacuated from the undamaged tunnel if there was another fire.

The Eurotunnel "safety case" is based on two fully operational tunnels allowing passengers involved in a maor accident to be evacuated within 90 minutes by passing trains in the undamaged tunnel. A Eurotunnel source said that the company would today propose leaving a manned and operational shuttle train permanently parked in the damaged south tunnel, to act as an evacuation vehicle.

Further issues on which the authority required fresh information included fire prevention and smoke dispersal systems in the tunnel, the list of materials and cargos that can be transported through the tunnel, and the safety of the lattice-sided wagons involved in the accident. Jeremy Beech, the Kent county fire Officer and a member of the authority, is known to have long harboured doubts about the wagons on the grounds that they allow fire to spread too easily.

THE bill for fire damage and disruption could run to £50 million, but Eurotunnel and Eurostar insisted yesterday that these losses were covered by insurance. City analysts said that that if the company is forced to replace its lattice-sided wagons, talks about a £4.7 billion refinancing packaging could be jeopardised.



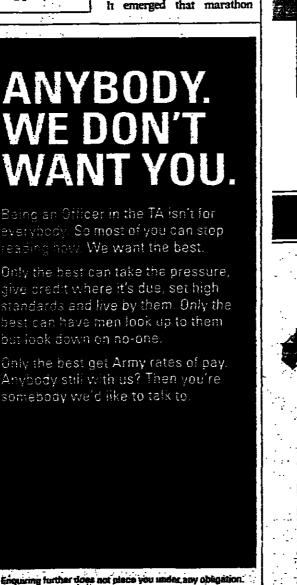
End of the road: a burnt-out lorry in a lattice-sided wagon at Calais, where it will be examined by investigators

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## Loss of legal aid threatens mother's £2m damages case

for 18 years to pursue a medical negligence claim for £2 million for her severely brain-damaged daughter has lost her legal aid two weeks before the start of her High

Wendy Railton, of Wellington. Somersel, said the decision with the case ready to proceed and five medical experts lined up to give evidence, has devastated her. This was my only hope to give her some kind of a future.

Ms Railton's daughter. Tanwas brain damaged at ya, was brain damaged at birth 18 years ago, It took several years to obtain the medical records and five different firms of solicitors to succeed in obtaining the necessary evidence to mount a claim. But two weeks ago. after spending £60,000 in legal aid funds, the authorities revoked her certificate because leading harristers advised her chances of

winning. Guy Eskell, Ms Railton's solicitor, said: "Unless she can raise money to take out insur-

A WOMAN who has fought ance against the possibility of losing, then she will be deprived of the chance to do everything she wants to for

Tanya was born almost dead at St Helier Hospital, Carshalton, Surrey, The hos-pital and health authority strongly deny negligence but Ms Railton's lawyers maintain that tests show medical records have been altered.

Ms Railton is prepared to sell her house to pay for the legal costs but this could not be done in time for the trial date of November 25. She is now investigating the cost of legal expenses insurance but would need £50,000.

Tanya, who is in a wheel-chair with a displaced hip and curvature of the spine, is looked after by a full-time carer. She has been confined to home since she was II. A damages award would provide the equipment to improve her quality of life, plus ensure her care for the future. "Otherwise I will just have to sit back and watch her get worse," Ms



Wendy Railton with her daughter Tanya, who was severely brain damaged at birth 18 years ago

# Mother and baby 'put at ' risk by feuding surgeon'

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A SURGEON was accused yesterday of putting the lives of a mother and her baby at risk when he refused to carry out an emergency Caesarean while another doctor was in the operating theatre.

The operation was delayed 20 minutes while the two doctors had a row outside the theatre, overheard by the mother. The baby girl, who was in the breech position. was eventually delivered blue and requiring resuscitation. She is now in good health.

Mr Debabrata Chatterjee, 58, a GP and part-time consultant surgeon, is accused of serious professional miscon-duct at the General Medical Council in London. He allegedly ordered Dr Francis Tierney out of the theatre at Dalisburgh Hospital in South Uist in the Western Isles, and told nurses that if he did not leave they could order an air ambulance to take the patient

Linda Dobbs, counsel for the GMC, said that on July 8. 1994, the mother was taken to the hospital when her waters broke and a midwife at her



Dr Tierney, left, and Mr Chatterjee: the mother heard them arguing as she waited for help

home reported the baby was in the breech position. Staff were unable to contact Mr Chatterjee, who had no telephone at his surgery. A nurse was despatched by car 20 miles to alert him.

Meanwhile, Sister Muriel MacLeod telephoned Dr Tierney, a GP and part-time anaesthetist, to call him to assist if necessary in a vaginal breech delivery. He was met at the main door by the sister who told him that she had

managed to contact Mr

Chatterjee and a ceasarean

section had been decided on. Another anesthetist. Dr Narindar Bedi, was on hand by then to assist. The two anaesthetists agreed their roles - Dr Tierney would look after the baby while Dr Bedi would care for the mother.

Dr Tierney went to a con-sulting room to change. There he found Mr Chatterjee, and an exchange of words culmi-nated in Mr Chatterjee saying: the hospital. I want you out." His colleague replied: "It's lions DI

not your hospital." Mr Chatterjee stormed out of the room. A nurse put her head round the consulting room door shortly afterwards to tell Dr Tierney: "He has told us he is not going to do

anything. He is adamant."
Dr Tierney went into the theatre and waited for over 20 minutes. The impasse was broken after Brian Liddell, the general manager, asked Dr Tierney through a nurse to stand down.

The operation was per-formed by Mr Chatterjee. Dr Tierney then received a message from a nurse to go into the theatre, where he found the baby was not breathing. It took 15 minutes for Dr Tierney to get her lungs working and resuscitate her.

Dr Tierney said the atmo-sphere between them had always been professional, but the relationship was strained. Mr Chatterjee has since been dismissed by the Western Isles Health Board and lost a case at an industrial tribunal. The

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THE BIG NETWORK.

## starving deer By STEPHEN FARRELL A FARM manager who in pits was fined £500 for cruelty yesterday. Robert Jasper. 40, allowed the animals to "drop like flies"

Farm manager

fined £500 for

allowed 400 deer to starve to death then buried their bodies

from malnutrition caused by overstocking and lungworm infection, Bodmin magistrates were told. Jasper, of Cardinham. Cornwall, admitted six charges of causing and one charge of submitting

a false record of deaths. The RSPCA criticised the court for being too lenient, saying the deer took weeks to die a painful and unnecessary

Philip Lee, for the prosecution, said the 220-acre farm should have held \$40 deer. But when police and the RSPCA visited in April they found just 389. Jasper then led them to five deep pits, one of which held 200 bodies. Six carcases were exposed and post mortems showed that the animals had been in poor physical condition with insufficient food in their bodies, Mr Lee said. "Some were affected by lungworm which had caused oneumonia '

Jasper claimed that his em-

Company from Cork in the Republic of Ireland, refused to pay for feed and instructed him to shoot sick deer instead of paying for treatment Financial records did not support his story but the prosecution said the company did not

appear "entirely blameless". Ken Pearson, for the defence, said Jasper faced a "terrible struggle" to care for the deer, working a 60-hour week at £5 an hour. He recovered feeding equipment seized by bailiffs only by

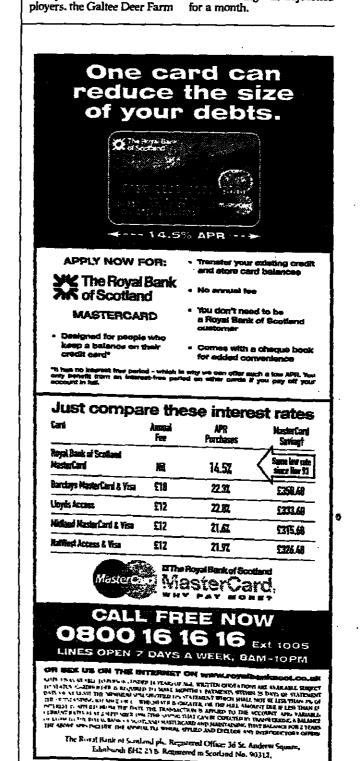
paying a £446 bill himself. Jasper now works on the farm for a new owner. ☐ Target, a Welsh pony, was being kept at a secret location last night as a judge decided whether it should be returned to the farmer who was fined £1,200 for causing it unnecessary suffering. Its new owners, the Society for the Welfare of Horses and Ponies, said it

typool County Court. Anthony Probert, 58, of Abergavenny, was fined earlier this year after the RSPCA discovered the animal in a weak and emaciated condition

would never be returned.

whatever the decision of Pon-

in a field near Abergavenny. The hearing was adjourned



# Over-30s have less chance of test-tube baby, say scientists

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

cannot turn back the clock for

Success rates for in vitro fertilisation plummet as women age, because of effects on the egg and the womb. Women over 35 have a sharply reduced chance of conceiving artificially, as do those who try the natural way. A study of 37,000 cycles of IVF treatment carried out in Britain up to 1994 showed that success rates were highest for women aged

Much of the attention given to in vitro fertilisation has focused on the skill of individual specialists and the success of different techniques. But Allan Templeton and colleagues in the University of Aberdeen's obstetrics and gynaecology department say that the characteristics of the couples seeking treatment are

The researchers examined the records of all IVF treatments carried out in Britain from 1991. The overall success rate per IVF treatment was 14 per cent but women aged 30 and under were more likely to succeed. The highest success rates were 17 per cent for those aged 30 and 16 per cent for those aged 25. By the age of 35 then drops steeply to 7 per cent

going undetected because smears taken from women are inadequate for making a diagnosis. Peter Sasieni, a scientist at the Cancer search Fund, says. Fig-ures showed that more than one in three cervical smears in some parts of the country were rejected. partly because of poor smear-taking. Of 4.5 mil-lion smears in 1994-95, more than 350,000 were rejected. Rates varied among 183 laboratories

latest figures show that in 1994 more than 10,000 cycles of treatment were given to women over 35.

from 0.2 per cent to more

than 35 per cent.

The researchers, writing in The Lancet, say they found that older women could significantly improve their chances by using a donated egg. In Britain, regulations require that women who donate eggs are 35 or under. There was still rates among women over 30 using donated eggs. suggest-ing an ageing effect on the womb making it less

receptive. Women who had been preg-

by IVF, had a greater chance. The cause of infertility did not seem to affect a woman's chances of success but with each failure of IVF her chances diminished.

study, Marsden Wagner, a specialist from Copenhagen, said that the introduction of new techniques since 1994, tion of sperm into the egg, were unlikely to have influenced the success rates ☐ Abortions on women living

in England and Wales rose by 6.7 per cent in the first quarter of the year, following last year's scare over the Pill. It was the highest level since 1991. Family planning experts believe that thousands stopped taking the Pill after a warning from the Govern-ment's Committee on the Safety of Medicines that some lowdose versions could double the risk of a potentially fatal blood

The Government came under fire at the time for releasing the research without first alerting GPs.

☐ An American team has tracked down a gene that predisposes men to prostate cancer, the third commonest form of cancer in males. The discovery may eventually help to identify individuals at risk

## Accident-prone hospitals cost the health service £150m a year

MORE than a million accidents happen in NHS hospitals each year costing £150 million to treat, according to the first investigation into safety standards.

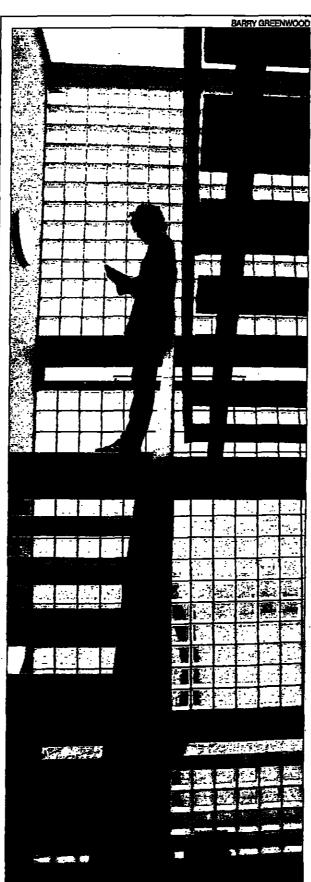
The investigation by the National Audit Office found that most NHS trusts were failing to meet health and safety standards laid down in law. The study, which exam-

eight weeks, found that 75 per cent of accidents involved pa-tients or visitors. Most suffered minor injuries in slips, trips and falls, although some had broken bones and head cuts. Inpatients were particularly vulnerable because they

The report said that hospital managers could do more to

training staff to be more safety conscious.
Staff most commonly suf-

fered injuries from hypoder-mic needles and back problems caused by lifting patients and equipment. Of the 30 hospitals visited, 23 the health and safety rules on



One of Hodder's stairwells at Salford University

## Architecture's outsider on stairway to success

Hodder modernist

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monochrome, using stainless

steel panels and glass to

create reflections and re-

According to The Archi-

tects' Journal: "The user has

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ther conditions" which not

everyone would consider a

By MARCUS BINNEY

A YOUNG outsider has beaten the rising stars and established names of British architecture to win the £20,000 prize for the Royal Institute of British Architects

Building of the Year. The new Stirling prize. sponsored by The Sunday Times, is intended as archiecture's answer to the Turner and Booker prizes Bookmakers had quoted Sir Michael Hopkins's Queen's Building at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, as IJ-10

However the judges chose differently, awarding the prize to Stephen Hodder of Manchester for the centenary building at Salford University, which houses the design faculty, prompting the comment from RIBA: "Red brick has beaten Oxbridge." Owen Luder, the institute's dges, said: "It is low cost, fast build and an excellent

best making three dimensional use of space.
"It is a building that invites you to explore. Wherever you walk you get a different

example of what architects do

The Architects' Journal recently described Mr Hodder as "one of a small posse of based in Manchester's Castlefield quarter — part of the region's Britpack", praising his pursuit of the rational, minimal and modern. Initially the £3.5 million

centenary building was intended to house the schools of electronics engineering and industrial design. But before he knew it, Mr Hodder was building for the design faculty.
The striking bowed front now contains lecture rooms

and studios while inside a

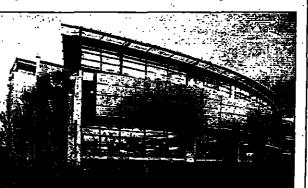
gorge-like atrium, over-looked by galleries and criss-crossed by bridges, runs through the building. Mr Luder continued: "The Hodder building lifts a whole rundown area, providing an example for others to follow. In the Eighties, some

gered sawn-off back of the building may also be seen by some as a revival of the hated brutalism of the Sixties rather than as an essay in today's

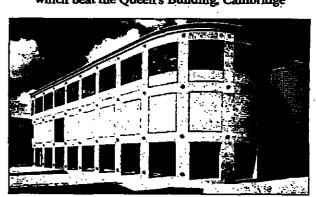
Mr Hodder, 40. "is young for an architect", RIBA said. Though little known outside architectural circles, he has catching swimming pool at Colne in Lancashire and has made a name designing small modern surgeries for

general practitioners. Both Sir Norman Foster and Lord Rogers of Riverside were eliminated at an early stage of this year's awards but Sir Michael Hopkins remained favourite with his Emmanuel College building, which had already won the Royal Fine Art Commis-sion/BSkyB Building of the

Year award this summer. As well as Mr Luder, the judges were Sir Anthony Caro, the sculptor, and Hugh Pearman, architecture critic of The Sunday Times.



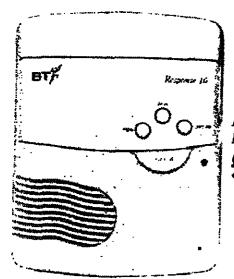
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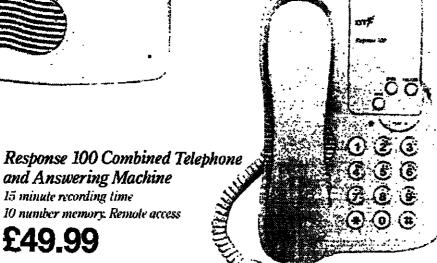
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# Term-time jobs put more money into students' pockets

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

STUDENTS today have a higher income than those who studied at the end of the 1980s. according to an independent report that dismisses claims that thousands live in poverty. It found that an increasing number were taking jobs during term-time.

The survey by the Policy Studies Institute found that only mature students had less money in real terms than the class of 1988-89. Those under Zo had a higher income and more than a third did not take out a student loan.

However, the study, sponsored by the Department for Education and Employment, acknowledged that the improvement in income had come at a price. Today's students were deeper in debt. and worked longer hours in part-time employment than their predecessors.

Claire Callender and Elaine Kempson, the report's authors, said that the apparently manageable financial position of most students masked areas of hardship. Lone parents in particular were finding it increasingly difficult to make ends meet and owed ten times

more than the average student.

The average student received £3.615 from all sources in 1995-96, but spent £5,091. The gap was bridged by student loans, commercial credit and delayed payment of

The report said that the amount received in grants. student loans and parental contributions roughly covered essential costs such as accommodation, food and course expenses. But students spent more than £2,500 on other items, such as entertainment. More than £500 was spent on alcohol and tobacco, but this was no higher than other lowincome young people.

results?" The proportion of income Student Finances, £16.95, from grants had fallen since from BEBC Distribution the last survey, but families 01202 715555. had stepped in to meet part of the shortfall. Eight out of ten

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during the summer holiday.

complete their courses."

Douglas Trainer, the presi-

Dr Callender said: "Al-



Sheena Rae was taunted by girls jealous of her hair

## Bullied girl's cry for help wins place in poetry book

By David Charter

A SCHOOLGIRL who wrote a poem about the bullying she suffered has won praise in a competition for writers of all ages. Sheena Rae, 13, was taunted by girls jealous of her waist-length hair and turned to poetry when a counsellor advised her to put her feelings down on paper.

Her relatives were so impressed that they encouraged her to enter the poem, Being Bullied, in a contest run by the International Society of Poets. It reached the semi-finals and has been published in the society's latest anthology of poems, Voices in the Wind.

Gloria Feist, a spokeswoman for the society, said: "The words spell out clearly what it is like to be picked on at school. They are really a cry for help.

Miss Rae, of Sotherton, near Halesworth, Suffolk. wrote the poem last year when she was at Halesworth Middle School. The bullying stopped after she moved to Bungay High School, Suffolk.

Last month Vijay Singh Shahiry, 13, was found hanged at his home in Manchester after being praised at school for his writing about bullying. An inquest will be held into his death in the new year.
Miss Rae said: "Although I

never got beaten up. I was always being picked on and called names. One girl used to taunt me and got her friends to do the same. They made comments about me all the time and things went missing from my bag. It made me really unhappy and at times I wished I was dead. I was starting to believe what they said about me being no good as a person. As English is my

bullies think twice before they pick on others." Her mother, Patricia, said: "When I saw the poem I was quite knocked back. It made me realise just how much she had been suffering. She has got lovely, long, blonde hair and I think other girls were jealous of her."

best subject, I decided to write a poem about what it was like.

It was a good way of getting it

off my chest. I sent the poem

off after my grandmother saw a competition entry form in a

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fears? You and I know what makes me cry. You and I know what makes me wish I would die.

A little message to the bullies out there, Leave me alone 'cause it just isn't fair.

## Adverts don't sell say whiz-kids who lost their spark

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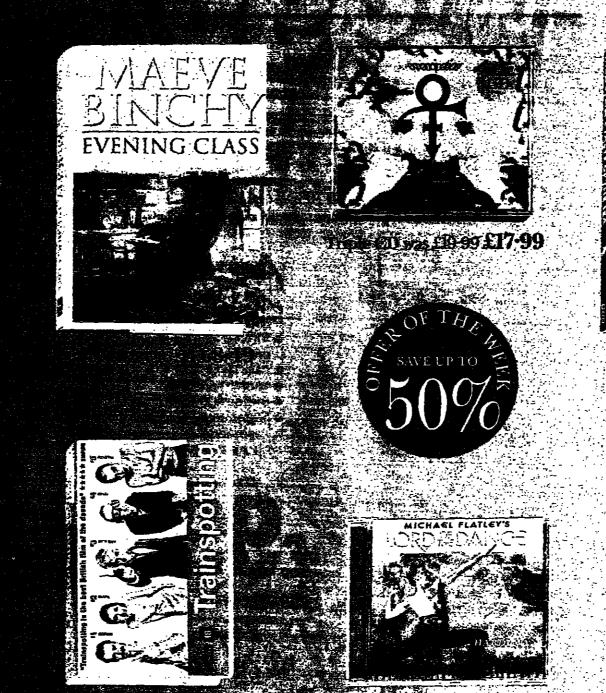
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Although spending on advertising by Britain's leading 100 companies has increas by 15 per cent on last year, only employees were prepared to say that they genuinely beevel the compaigns were

Dominic Mills, editorial director of the industry's trace magazine Campaiga, which conducted the survey, said. We knew that people were, down but we didn't realise it. was this had. This is an industry plagued by selfred glasses and braces is no more. What this survey reflects is a high level of insecurity. Advertising is a very fragile business and confidence is everything.

"It is staggering to think that so many people in adver-tising believe their efforts are falling short of the mark but this is clearly what people privately think. There is an element of them shooting themselves in the foot by admitting this but part of it can be blamed on irustration, with many advertisers requesting safe solutions. The used to be among the most

Mr Mills said that between 1990 and 1992, a fifth of people their jobs. Asked what job they would most like to do instead, the survivors said they would become barristers, ters, actors or artists. Forty-four per cent are Labour voters, 38 per cent Conservative and 10 per cent Lib Dem. Salaries ranged from 5750,000 for shooting commercials and £159,000 for a

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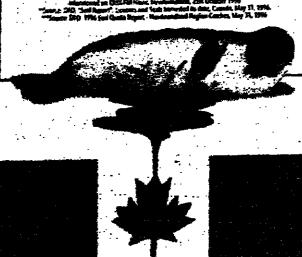
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# Courts may order ten-year-olds to wear electronic tags

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

JUVENILES as young as ten could be issued with electronic tags under government proposals to keep offenders off the streets and away from football

The plan extends the existing tagging scheme to the 10 to 15-year age group and would make it part of curfew orders. Offenders could have to wear the tags at school, at night and

on weekends. However, probation officers said it would do nothing to deal with the root causes of offending or antisocial behaviour, while Paul Cavadino of the Penal Affairs Consortium said tags could become a "badge of honour" that would

incite rather than deter. David Maclean, a Home Office Minister, said tagging linked to a curfew order would be an effective punishment. "We believe that curfew orders could be an effective way of keeping young offenders off the streets or away from places such as shopping centres and lootball matches where they

may get up to no good. It would punish them by restricting their freedom and help to prevent them from reoffending. Electronic tagging will detect immediately vhether the offender is breaking the curfew," he said. Mr Maclean said that

oung offenders could be forced to stay at home at night or at certain times during the weekend and could also be required to be at school during classroom hours.

Under the proposal, produced as an amendment to the Crime (Sentences) Bill, Youth Courts would be able to impose the order for between two and twelve hours a day. The maximum length of the order would be three months. It would be piloted in some areas before a decision to adopt it

The announcement came after the Government was thrown on the defensive by an Audit Commission report condemning the juvenile justice system as inefficient and ineffective.

Mr Cavadino said tagging was one of the worst ideas yet tackle juvenile crime. These young people will have to attend school with the tag attached to their wrist or ankle, branding them as an offender," he said. Some children will undoubtedly boast about their tag and wear it as a badge of honour, adopting a hard image to live

Harry Fletcher of the National Association of Probation Officers said ragging would humiliate young offenders and do nothing to address the cause of antisocial behaviour. "The Government has failed to deal with youth crime. The introduction of tags for 10 to

15-year-olds is ample testimony to that failure," he said. "It appears to have run out of constructive ideas." Trials involving the elec-tronic tagging of offenders aged 16 and over have been

operating since July last year

in Greater Manchester, Berkshire and Norfolk. A total of 220 offenders have been given curfew orders, of which 98 have been completed, 90 are under way and 27 were breached and the offender returned to court. A further three orders were quashed on

appeal and two were void. Charles Rose, managing director of Geografix, the company involved in the Norfolk pilot project, said his firm would be interested in extending the trials to the new age group.

The maximum penalty for

indecent assault on a man by a tween 10 and 17 is to increase to ten years detention, Mr Maclean announced. At present the maximum is two years' detention for offenders aged 15 to 17. There is no custodial penalty for 10 to 14year-olds



Joanne Cholerton, investigative psychologist: "Cracker makes me laugh"

## Don't call me Cracker says new investigator

By A STAFF REPORTER

IT COULD be a plot for a new television series: a woman newly qualified as an investigative psychologist starts working for the police in a northern town. But yesterday Joanne Cholerton was resisting attempts to la-bel her as a bit of a Cracker.

The new recruit has begun beiping officers to compile profiles of offenders, but she says that any similarity with the workload of the TV psy-chologist played by Robbie Coltrane ends there.

"I do watch Cracker, which makes good drama, but it's not because it has much to do with my work," Miss Cholerton, 23, from Essex, Miss Most of the time I'm sitting in front of a computer inputting

data and doing statistics." Her only link with Crucker is that Derek Canter, her professor at Liverpool University, is mentioned in the books that spawned the series. Rather than hunting serial killers face-to-face, she will be analysing data on Hartlepool's burglars.

profiling programme is unique in Britain. Detective Chief Inspector Ray Mallon said: "Joanne will not be directly involved. She will basically supply ammunition

## 40% of fire **4** emergency calls are a false alarm

By IAN MURRAY

FOUR out of ten 999 calls to report fires are false alarms — nearly a third of them malicious - and a declining number of firemen are having to cope with an increasing num-ber of incidents.

The figures from Cipfa, the public accountancy associ-ation, illustrate the strain put on fire services by an average of 1,300 false alarms a day. particularly in inner city and ndustrial areas.

The problem is greatest in Cleveland, where the potential risk from chemical industries means that the service is allocated more money per head of population than any other. The brigade is called out on average ten times a day by malicious calls and as many times again by alarms set off by over-sensitive monitors. The malicious call-out rate per head of population in Cleveland is almost three

times the national average. Malicious calls are also high in Merseyside, where the fire service has to put out proportionately more fires than in any other major city. In Birmingham there are 35 malicious calls a day and in Manchester 27.

The number of callouts na-

## Church finds enemy who became friend

BY JOHN SHAW

A CHURCH'S older parishioners always remembered the moving sound of German prisoners of war singing their own Silent Night at midnight mass as they shared Christ-mas with their British captors.

As the war ended, an un-nown PoW left behind a 3ft carved statue of St Joseph and Jesus as a gift for the villagers of North Walsham, Norfolk. For more than half a century, the treasured figure has stood at the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, with no knowledge of its artist.

Now the two sides have made contact again after a chance discovery. The figure was being sent away for treatment for woodworm when it was turned upside down. revealing a label giving the carver's name and prison

Cathy Bateman, a member of the church, led the detective work that identified Adolph Benz. prisoner 101484H in Camp 82 at nearby Worstead. She wrote to the German Embassy and the military

archive in Berlin traced Herr Gaggenau, near the spa town

He has written to the church saying he was honoured that the statue was still treasured. He remembered carving the camp after a visit from a priest. "One day a priest came to us with a small figure of St Joseph," he said. "With that in mind, I started working on the big statue, trying to give St Joseph the face of a kindly father. It is really impressive that after such a long time the members of the church still think of the person who carved this in thanksgiving

for the end of the war." Mrs Bateman, who is retired, said: "Finding out about Mr Benz is a great joy.

□ A reconnaissance photograph taken by a German spy plane has been used to prove that a footpath at Shipton Gorge, near Bridport, Dorset. was in use during the war. defeating a landowner's objection to public access.

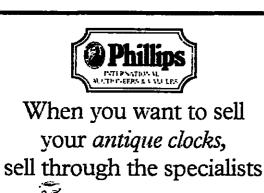


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# Tories cannot help you, Labour tells toy lobby firms

LABOUR mounted a vigorous defence of its planned windfall tax yesterday, warning the privatised utilities against trying to avoid it by "climbing into bed" with the Tories. Alistair Darling, Shadow

Chief Secretary to the Treasury, seized on reports that Michael Heseltine was backing the establishment of a lobby group of privatised companies that are intent on undermining Labour's tax

winding up after a Commons debate in which the Deputy Prime Minister had led the attack on the windfall tax, Mr Darling claimed that the Tories were hand-in-glove with the privatised industries. The debate has shown that

called for a new law to

prevent politicians lying about taxes (Arthur Leathley

Yesterday the Liberal Democrat leader said that

voters were repeatedly mis-

led by politicians who ma-

nipulated economic figures

to justify pre-election bribes". He predicted that

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Mr Heseltine is a prisoner of the privileged few on the boards of utilities," Mr Darling said. "No sensible industry would contemplate climbing into bed with a campaign of this sort."

Plans for the lobby group are said to be co-ordinated by Sir Colin Marshall, chairman of British Airways and president of the Confederation of British Industry, Sir Colin has invited about 80 privatised companies to a breakfast meeting in London next month, with the aim of forming a group dedicated to promoting the benefits of privatisation.

But the group is expected to look at measures to avoid paying the windfall tax, which

any tax cuts announced in

the Budget next week would

be reversed after the general

A fiscal responsibility and

tax contract Act would end the present "pathetic and

infantile" debate on tax.

Ministers would be forced

to provide full details of

their fiscal aims for scrutiny

by an independent office.

election, whoever won.

MPs 'need honesty law'

Labour hopes will raise up to £5 billion to help to put the young unemployed and longunemployed back to work. Some of the privatised utilities have already given warning that they would take legal action against a Labour

Last night Labour aides confirmed that British Airways would be liable for the windfall tax if it was deemed to have made excess profits. They also said that experts had advised the party that any legal challenge would fail.

John Prescott, deputy lab-

our leader, told MPs that the levy would be applied to all privatised utilities that had gained excess profits. "All privatised utilities will be considered as candidates for the levy without fear or favour."

After Tory taunts that Labour would not provide details, Mr Prescott emphasised that it would be a one-off levy. But aides of Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, later said that although each company would know its liability after a Labour government's first Budget the tax could be paid in instalments.

Earlier Mr Heseltine and Mr Prescott clashed over the dangers and merits of a windfall tax. Mr Heseltine, who was less combative than usu-



al, urged his opponent to say which companies would have to pay and how much.

He pointed out that ten million shareholders had pension and insurance policies based on extensive investment in the utilities. The tax was bound to lead to rising prices or loss of jobs, or both. "Labour wants to punish all of

us - everyone with a phone, with a gas bill, an eletricity bill, a water bill."

Mr Prescott said: "The reality is that privatised utilities were sold off cheaply and regulated weakly, deliberately to allow the City to make a financial killing . . . Independent experts confirm that the levy can be raised from excess

profits without passing on the cost to customers

He accused Mr Heseltine of weeping crocodile tears for

the taxpayer, the shareholder, presided over 22 tax rises and was in a government that had broken the link between pensions and earnings to fund tax

## Brown's reply to 'Tory lies' reveals shifts in policy

By Our Chief Political Correspondent

GORDON BROWN'S lineby-line rebuttal of the Tories' tax and spend charges revealed more about Labour's policy than the draft manifesto programme that it published this summer.

Over the past two years Labour has made a number of policy changes, several of which have not been formally announced by the Labour leadership, or published in

Labour's last health document, Renewing the NHS. stated categorically that Labour would scrap both compulsory competitive tendering in the health service and private finance for NHS capital projects.Previous papers had suggested that Labour would phase out private beds and recreate a regional structure. Labour's rebuttal document on Wednesday made clear that all these policies have been abolished.

The paper says: "There are no plans to phase out private provision in the NHS." It also dismisses as a "lie" Tory claims that Labour intends to end compulsory competitive tendering in the NHS. The truth is that Labour has no objections to fair comparisons between public service and private sector provision."

It is more vague about Tory claims that it will abolish compulsory competitive tendering in local government: The truth is that Labour is committed to securing best value — a combination of both price and quality — in public services."

The Tory document quoted statement from Harriet Harman in April, when she was Shadow Health Secretary, expressing her opposition to private finance in the NHS. In its rebuttal, Labour said that it had no objection to private finance for capital projects, citing a comment made by Ms Harman in June. It also made clear that Labour has no intention of reintroducing a regional health structure, and dismisses as a "lie" that it intends to spend more on funding community care. or on rights for disabled people. Plans for the disabled would involve merging the present budgets of the National Advisory Council on the Employment of People with Disabilities and the National Disability Council.

The document also says that Labour will not abolish the Jobsecker's Allowance, an unemployment benefit payable



Blunkett: sources say

for only six months compared places for those three-yearwith the 12 months of the olds whose parents wanted benefit it replaces. Labour them to attend. Now the party originally opposed this. says: "The truth is Labour will But one of its most revealing provide a nursery place for all

four-year-olds using funds admissions is on nursery places. Labour's original polifrom the nursery vouchers cy to secure a nursery place for scheme.' all children aged three and Sources close to David Blunkett said that the rebuttal four has been weakened. David Blunkett, the Shadow document had not been Education Secretary, told the cleared with him. An aide said party conference last month that Labour would offer nurs inree-year-olds but iney ery places to all four-year-olds not be set until provision had and set targets to provide been made for four-year-olds.

## Time to review Britain's dated electoral ways

Referendums are be-coming part of British constitutional practice on a scale that would have been unimaginable a few years ago. But party promises to hold referendums have run well ahead of any agreement about how they should be run. Potential problems have been underlined by Sir James Goldsmith's campaign for a European referendum how should the question be framed? This gap has been filled by a new gap has been filled by a new report from an independent, cross-party commission set up by the Consti-tution Unit and the Electoral Reform Society. The Constitution Unit has established an important niche as a shadow civil service in its assessments of how reform could be implemented. Yesterday's report on The Conduct of Referendums has far-reaching implications for politics which go well beyond its dry-sounding title.

There has so far been only one nationwide referendum, in June 1975 on membership of the European Community. though there have been separate ones in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. That was, at the time and until recently, regarded as exceptional. But now all three main parties have proposed holding a referendum before Britain could join a single currency, while Labour has proposed referendums on whether the electoral system for the Commons should change and at least four separate ones on devolution and a strategic authority for

London. The Liberal Democrats back some, though not all, of these specific proposals and, in general, are committed to the use of referendums on important issues. So we may be deluged by referendums, at least in the first 18 months of a new government. The commission, chaired by Sir Patrick Nairne, an eminient former permanent secretary, pro-poses a series of sensible guidelines about how to achieve proper balance, broadcasting rules, public in-formation, length of cam-

paigns and nature of

questions. Most are not con-

tentious but some, such as

should be set as a percentage

of votes cast rather than of the

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eligible electorate, would avoid the bitterness left by the

1979 Scottish referendum. But if referendums are to become more frequent, framework be created? Most politicians are wary of making referendums too easy and are dubious about suggestions that they could be authorised merely through secondary legislation without a lengthy debate, rather than by a full-scale new Bill. These doubts will have been reinforced by the Government's crass mishandling of the European directives on monetary union. By resisting a debate on the floor of the Commons, ministers have maximised opposition and turned an issue of importance. though mainly of interest to the sceptics, into one of the rights of MPs — a selfinflicted and avoidable row.

A generic referendum Act could, however, set up a per-manent organisational framework, leaving the political matters about questions to be decided on each occasion. A referendum commission has obvious attractions, but even better would be a permanent electoral commission, as exists in many other democracies and is backed by the main opposition parties here. A Hansard Society report a few years ago proposed that such a commission should take over the present diffuse responsibility for running elections, boundary reviews. allocating broadcasting time and monitoring party accounts. Such a commission is long overdue, especially if it took an interest in party fundraising and adverts.

ritish elections have for long been conducted through 19th century laws intended to stamp out corruption and by informal understandings. As with so much else in politics, these checks no longer apply. If there are to be more innovations, such as referendums, a clearer statutory framework is even more necessary - administered in an open way by

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# More than 50 Holocaust Nazis traced in Canada

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

A NEW YORK-based private detective yesterday claimed to have taped confessions from 58 alleged former Nazis in Canada, many of whom appeared to be guilty of actively taking part in the Holocaust.

Steve Rambam, a bullish private eye who has worked for the US Government, said that he posed as a history professor from a non-existent college in Belize and went knocking on the doors of former German soldiers who are now living in Canada. He secretly tape-recorded their conversations.

Mr Rambam claims that what he found was the equivalent of the communities of old Nazis who fled to South America after the Second World

His claims, broadcast in Jerusalem yesterday on Israeli television and to be detailed in today's Jerusalem Post, were attacked by one leading Jewish group as "mock heroics" but are likely to revive debate about official attitudes by past Canadian governments to former members of Hitler's armed forces.

Mr Rambam claimed that he found several of the alleged war criminals living in predominantly Jewish neigh-bourhoods of Montreal and Ottawa. One man, who talked openly about killing Jews in the war, was renting out the top floor of his house to a young rabbi and his family.



Hitler: hidden disciples

They must think it is a good place to hide," he said.

Of 62 people he approached. only four denied their wartime identities, and seven gave detailed accounts of personal involvement in the deaths of Jews. he claimed.

Renata Skotnicka-Zadiman. a leading member of Canada's Jewish community, reacted to the story with shock yesterday. "We have suspected that there were a lot of them, but oh my God," she said, on hearing where the suspects lived.

Mr Rambam, 39, added that many of the names of the suspects had long been known to the leading Nazi-hunting organisation, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, but to his surprise they had not acted.

The Toronto branch of the Wiesenthal organisation last night agreed that it had known many names, but acGermany will keep open its investigation centre for Nazi war crimes for as long as there are cases to be prosecuted, Ulrich Goll, the Justice Minister for Baden-Wüttemberg, said. The 16 federal states had decided at a Bonn meeting to maintain the centre near Stuttgart.

The centre's future was in doubt because the number of Nazi trials has fallen and Albert Stein, a former director, died this year. (Reuter)

cused Mr Rambam of "bad timing". Sol Littman, head of the Wiesenthal Centre in Ottawa, said that 3,000 Nazi war criminals entered Canada after the war, mostly between 1946 and 1951. He claimed that some of them were admitted after they had helped Allied intelligence operations against

Communists. Mr Rambam started his investigation with a list of 1.000 names. He discovered that 40 were dead, but he has already managed to trace 250 of what he calls "the worst

One of Mr Rambam's interviewees, Antanas Kenstavicius of Hope, British Columbia, is facing deportation from Canada for alleged war crimes while police chief in Svencionys, Lithuania, in

the early 1940s. Mr Rambam, posing as

Professor Salvatore Romano the fictitious St Paul's University of the Americas in Belize and accompanied by two Israeli journalists, inter-viewed Mr Kenstavicius.

According to a tape pro-duced by Mr Rambam, Mr Kenstavicius described the shooting of numerous Jews in Ignalina, Lithuania, during a six-day period. "Bang! And they fall down," he appears to say on the tape in his broken English. "Some time, repeat. Bang, bang! And they all fall in ditch. All the day. After. there're no mens. Than the womens in separate camp. Separate barracks. The kids go with the wives."

Some of the men, apparently not suspecting that "Professor Romano" was anything but genuine, posed for photographs beside their wartime uniforms and provided yel-lowing snapshots of themselves in the 1940s.

Jewish groups have long criticised past Canadian governments for allegedly accommodating, or at least not prosecuting, former Nazis. ☐ Rome: A military judge yesterday ordered the release from house arrest of Karl Hass, 84, a former SS major suspected of involvement in the massacre of 335 men and boys at the Ardeatine Caves outside Rome in March 1944, and ruled that his case should instead be considered by the civil judiciary. (Reuter)



The advertisement promotes a weekend to Paris for those "with nothing to do" - a Bob Dole remark after his poll defeat

## Jobless Dole flies flag for the French

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

BOB DOLE said if he failed to win the White House he would just go home, but his losing campaign has led to another role — batting for Air France. A photograph of Mr Dole, smiling and

waving, appeared in advertisements for the airline in six major American newspapers yesterday. The laconically succinct headline asks: "Not doing anything?" The text promoted low fares from the United

States for a long weekend in Paris. It said: "If you have a little extra time on your hands, there's never been a better reason

for a getaway to Paris . . The idea was inspired by the comment Mr Dole made in his concession speech after losing his presidential bid. He said: "Tomorrow will be the first time in my life I don't have anything to do."

Alan Blum, president of a New York advertising agency, nervously sent his idea to Washington, seeking permission to use it. Word came back the advertiselaughing. Better still, he was happy to go along with the joke.

Mr Dole and his wife, Elizabeth, turnet down free round-trip tickets to Paris on Concorde, not part of the special offer to the public, as payment. Instead they asked that a donation of \$3,000 (£1,800) be made to their favourite charity, which provides housing and day care for the low-income elderly in Washington. The sum was extremely modest, given the spin-off publicity for Air France.

## German fury over Iran death threats

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMANY, Europe's main champion of "critical dialogue" with Iran, was yesterday close to abandoning its conciliatory policies after death threats against German

The dispute between Tehran and Bonn has become poisonuay mis about 1.000 supporters of the radical Hezbollah group have besieged the German Embassy in Tehran; almost 300 German expatriates in the country have been advised to

stay at home. The latest threat comes from clerics in the holy Iranian city of Oom, who said that the German prosecutors should be condemned in the same way as Salman Rushdie, the novelist, unless they apol-

ogised to Iran. Prosecutors in Berlin have accused the Iranian regime of steering a hit team that murdered three Kurdish dissident leaders in a restaurant in the city. The verdict is due in January and the Iranian Government is clearly trying to

exert as much pressure as it can to secure the acquittal of the five defendants.

But the efforts have backfired. Carl-Dieter Spranger, the Development Minister, yesterday became the first German Cabinet minister to call publicly for an end to "Iran's state terrorism against those who think differently has once again emerged as a tives of German justice are intolerable and show how the Tehran regime tramples on human rights. This removes any basis for so-called critical

dialogue." This policy, agreed at the Edinburgh summit in 1992. was aimed at keeping lines of communication open with Tehran and using that leverage to gain human rights seems to have been achieved: the fatwa against Rushdie remains in force, and there are no signs of Iran restraining militant groups.

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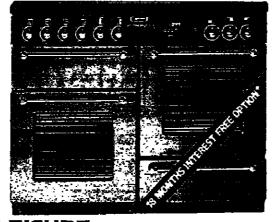
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Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, offered a tantalising glimpse of plans for the Budget yesterday. They went back in the famous red case until Tuesday

# Safeway store openings to create 5,200 jobs

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

SAFEWAY, the supermarket chain that cut its staff numbers 18 months ago, is to create 5,200 jobs through its store opening programme, the company said yesterday. Since cutting about 5,000

jobs, the company has added 3,200 to its pay roll. After the new round of hirings, which will take place over two years, it expects to have added a net 3.000 staff over a three-year period. This will take its total number of staff to more than 70,000. Around 65 per cent of the new jobs being created will

be part-time. The news follows an announcement earlier this month by Marks & Spencer that it is creating 2,000 new

positions. By contrast Kwik Save, the discount supermarket chain, has revealed plans to shed 1,900 staff.

Safeway, which in profit terms is the third largest supermarket chain behind Tesco and J Sainsbury and ahead of Asda, is to open ten superstores in the second half of this year, on top of seven opened in the first half. It then aims to open about 15 next year, adding around 450,000 square feet in total.

The company yesterday reported an 7 per cent increase pre-tax profits to £228 ended October 12.

This was in line with City expectations but nonetheless triggered some upgraded fore-casts, with UBS shifting from

Quarterly GDP growth re-

mained unrevised at 0.8 per

cent but annual growth for the

third quarter was revised up-

wards to 2.4 per cent from 2.3

2.2 per cent in the third

quarter, prompting concern

among economists that the

gap between consumer de-

mand and investment is wid-

Capital investment fell by

E430 million to E440 million for the full year and NatWest Markets also upping its fore-cast to £440 million from £432.5 million.

Safeway's like-for-like sales grew 5.1 per cent — close to the sector average - while sales from new space added a further 5.2 per cent growth, taking total sales to £3.5 billion. The petrol price war, which has now abated, knocked £10 million of forecourt profits.

In the first five weeks of the second half, like-for-like sales were 5 per cent ahead. The company said food inflation in the period has been subdued but said it considered the second half had started well Colin Smith, chief executive, said that after a trial at its

payment system which allows customers to pay for goods without queuing at tills is to be rolled out to all the 100 stores fitted with its Slop & Go system. Shop & Go is designed to speed the shopping process by allowing customers to scan and register the price of goods they pick up as they go around the store. Mr Smith said that there had been less theft than the company had feared re-

The company is running a trial in Basildon, Essex, of a convenience store at a BP station. The joint venture set up by the two companies plans open on some 100 sites within three years.

sulting from the scheme.

Gross margins, excluding petrol, were 0.1 per cent down

petitors price campaigns, such as Tesco's Unbeatable Value. However, efficiency savings meant the net margir was stable at 6.9 per cent...

Sales per square foot reached £14.63, close to the £15 target the company set for itself 18 months ago and which it did not expect to achieve for another 18 months. Safeway's ABC loyalty card has now attracted 5.6 million users, the

company revealed. Earnings per share are 9 per interim dividend has also been boosted 9 per cent to 4.4p. It is payable on February 10.

set out their charges.

The committee expressed

## MPs attack Rothschild role in coal sell-off

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

all-party Public Acattacked the Department of Trade over the coal sell-off. The MPs also questioned a £2.5 million success fee for NM Rothschild, the merchant bank handling the privatisation, and complained that brother of the successful bid-

der were not considered. The role of Rothschild has because of the appointment of Lord Wakeham to its board as non-executive director last year Lord Wakeham was Energy Secretary from 1989 to 1992 when he paved the way for the privatisation of British Coal. He joined Rothschild iust six months after leaving the Cabinet Rothschild was ernment on the future of the

coal industry in 1991. The committee of MPs at-tacked payments to NM Roth-schild, the anerchant bank, which received £9,1 million in fees and a £2.5 million success bonus. The conditions for the success bonus were agreed after two conditions ha

table for the sale had been agreed by the au-tumn of 1993, the success criteria were not formally agreed until June 1994 by which time two of the stages which had been used as the basis for the success fee crite-

ria had been completed". Rothschild was given the full remit for the privatisation after completing preliminary work. Other potential banking advisers were not invited to tender for the full process or to

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E538 million. RJB Mining, which bought all three of the English businesses that Brit-ish Coal had been split into, paid £815 million, having originally bid £914 million. Although RJB revised down its bid in the process, other unpreferred bidders were not told of this and had no

opportunity to enter the race at ari advanced stage. The committee said that RJB had been prepared to pay a higher premium to get all three and that such an approach should have been

concern about the lack of fee comparisons between bankers

and the structure of the success bonus paid to Rothschild

which did not seem to be

based on an hourly rate.
Rothschild valued British Coal's three English business-es at between £371 million and

The DTI was criticised because insolvency investiga tions mounted against Richard Budge, the head of RIB, were not highlighted by insolvency staff to DII officials handling the sale. The Insolvency Service, which comes under the DII had been investigating Mr Budge for brother Tony's business. The committee said it was "sur prised that, at the time the preferred bidder was appointed, the officials in the department who conducted the sale were unaware of the Insolvency Service's investigation". No

evidence was found against Richard Budge. The DTI has since amended its guidelines so that officials are required to check the credentials of bidders for privatisations with the Insolvency Service.

## Storehouse up

London close...., \$376,55 (\$379.15)

Booming overseas franchise sales and a stronger contribution from British Home Stores helped Storehouse, the retail group, to better than expected results for the first half. Pre-tax profits rose 13 per cent to £37.5 million on turnover ahead by 14 per

Payout cut

Babcock International, the engineering group, is halving its interim dividend payment despite a Pennington, page 29 small recovery in first-half profits. Page 32

## **Consumer spending** at highest since 1989

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CONSUMER spending is at it highest since 1989, according to data published yesterday. increasing City pressure on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to resist making sweeping tax cuts in next week's

The revised figures for

third-quarter gross domestic product show that quarterly consumer spending increased by 1.1 per cent, taking the annual rate to 3.3 per cent. Separate data, also pub-lished yesterday, found that the balance of payments surplus in the second quarter was larger than expected, at £792 million - the strongest trading performance for ten years. The data sent the pound

soaring. Sterling's trade weighted index closed up 0.8 at 92.8 after the pound gained more than a cent against the dollar to close at \$1,6892 and

## threatens £100m exit

THE Alliance & Leicester Building Society has accused (Caroline Merrell writes).

The group, headed by Patrick Mountain, a retired former agent of the society, is objecting to A&L's proposals that most members should get a flat distribution of 250 shares, worth about £1,000. The group wants those with bigger savings to receive

ening, increasing the chances of an acceleration in inflation. There was also a worrying rise in the GDP deflator, a government measure for inflation factored into GDP, which increased to an annual level of 2.9 per cent. But stockbuilding made a positive contribution of 0.2 per cent in the third after destocking avarter knocked 1.2 per cent off GDP

# A&L group

an action group opposing its plans for conversion of using shock tactics after the group's members threatened to withdraw £100 million of savings

more shares.

Mr Mountain claims that 1,200 members are planning to withdraw their saving after the meeting to vote on conversion on December 10. A society spokesman said: "This seems like a pretty mean-spirited action ... £1,000 means a great deal to

## Japan closes down commercial bank

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

JAPANESE authorities yesterday closed down an insolvent regional bank crippled by bad loans - the first time an ordinary commercial bank was ordered to halt operations

Anxious depositors rushed to branches of the Hanwa Bank, a second tier bank based in Osaka and Wakayama prefectures in western Japan, but panic was averted by a government promise that all deposits would be secured. The Ministry of Finance said it suspended all business at the Hanwa Bank apart from deposit withdrawals because its bad loans far exceeded total capital. The problem loans totalled 190 billion yen (£1 billion), compared with total capital of Y20.3 billion yen.

The loans piled up during the 1980s' soaring property

land values, Hanwa was saddled with massive loans that were impossible to recover.

Last year Japan suffered its first bank failure since the war when Hyogo Bank became a casualty. Another small regional bank went under this vear. Ten credit unions and one credit association have, also failed since December

Hiroshi Mitsuzuka, the Finance Minister, said yester-day that Hanwa's failure ought not to cause anxiety about the stability of Japan's financial system overall. He said the bank's operations would be shifted to a new bank for the purpose of winding up Hanwa's business us-ing the deposit insurance system.

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## **Insurers fear ruling** on fidelity policies

BY JON ASHWORTH

INSURERS have reacted with alarm to an appeal court ruling that threatens to increase dramatically the sums payable under fidelity policies - those which protect against alleged fraud and dis-

honesty at companies. The ruling, stemming from the collapse of the late Robert Maxwell's media empire, could lead to insurers paying out to the policy limit for each of a company's subsidiaries, instead of being restricted to one claim. Insurers have been urged to study policy terms. The alleged plundering of company

pension funds featured strongly in the

case of New Hampshire Insurance and

Corporation (MCC), which turned on fidelity insurance taken out by the company. The appeal court ruling raises the possibility that insurers could be liable for multiple limits of indemnity. It is possible that multiple limits of indemnity may be triggered in cases where policies have been incorrectly worded, or where more than one

of the insured has suffered loss. Alan Fisher, parmer in the insurance industry group at Dibb Lupton Alson, said: "This shows that insurers are vulnerable to multiple liability. There is a costly lesson unfolding in front of their eyes, saying 'get the

others vs Maxwell Communication

## Bates bemoans penalty for sparing Hoddle pitch

By Jason Nisse

GLENN HODDLE, the England football manager, insisted on changes to the redevelopment of Chelsea Football Club's Stamford Bridge ground that cost its parent company, Chelsea Village, at least £15 million, Ken Bates. chairman of Chelsea, said yesterday. Mr Bates told Chelsea Village's annual meeting that plans to redevelop Stamford Bridge's south and west stands involved reducing the width of the pitch to the minimum allowed by

international football regulations.

"Our then manager. Mr Hoddle

objected, saying it was not in keeping

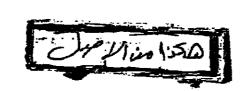
with the style of play he wanted or

whatever," Mr Bates said, adding that the changes to the plans caused by the extra live metres added to the pitch cost between £15 million and £20 million.

Mr Bates said that Mr Hoddle had since left to manage "some other tearn", meaning England, "which all goes to show you should not make decisions on short-term considerations".

The Stamford Bridge redevelopment is to cost £60 million. Around £30 million of this is still to be raised; Mr Bates said that he had been approached by a number of investors. Chelsea is building a 160-room hotel, 34 flats, a banqueting suite, shops and offices. "It will be the most overcrowded 12 acres

in the world," said Mr Bates.



BUSINESS ROUNDUP

London will remain

INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S manufacturers are continuing to recover as company order books return to normal, new evidence from the Confederation

of British Industry suggests today, With manufacturing continuing to underperform the rest of the economy, the improvement recorded by the CBI will please ministers in advance of Tuesday's Budget.

In its latest monthly trends survey, the CBI shows that 24 per cent of the 1.100 manufactur-

for the first half.

to £590.5 million.

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begin in early 1997.

cent, affected by lower sales of

childrens wear. Mr Edelman

said the sales figures nonetheless showed an improvement on

the previous quarter.

The overall 5 per cent in-

crease in Mothercare turnover

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At Bhs, like-for-like sales

cent. Operating profit rose 21 per cent to £25.1 million.

ing companies examined say that their order books are above normal, and the same proportion below normal - a net balance between the two of zero per cent.

However, flat orders mark a recovery in manufacturing, the survey suggests, after negative net balances of minus 9 per cent in the previous two monthly surveys, and bigger negative figures before that. Overall, the latest figure is the most positive recorded by the CBI since August last year.

However, export orders remain weak, with a net -5 per cent of firms reporting orders to be below normal. Although this is a slight improvement on the previous figures of -7 and -If per cent. CBI leaders are sceptical about the total, since the recent strengthening of sterling is likely to worsen the position of exporters.

Price expectations are continuing to increase as manufacturing recovery improves, sending some warning signals about inflation. Manufacturers expect domestic prices to rise over the next four months, with a net balance of 8 per cent of firms suggesting that average prices will rise. Firms' expectations on prices have risen since September after a downward trend in the first

that seasonal factors may be coming into play. A net 21 per cent of firms forecast increased output, confirming a more positive trend in expectations since mid-year.

The CBI yesterday set out ideas aimed at ensuring that London is Europe's "most successful city" by 2020, including increasing manufacturing's contribution to the capital's economy from 13 per cent to 20 per cent. Anthony Fuller, CBI London region chairman, said: "This new report sets the aim of making London the global centre of wealth creation."

## Price deal by Energy to ensure

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY NDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

stability

BRITISH ENERGY, the nuclear generator, has struck a deal with Southern Electric for energy supplies stretching over 15 years. The move will ensure price stability for more than 15 per cent of its output, and is designed primarily to shield the generator from fluctuating electricity prices.

Announcing a drop in pretax losses for the half year yesterday, British Energy gave warning that the price of electricity was likely to fall. As British Energy operates in an area of power production that is unable to set prices, it is vulnerable to price fluctuation. It can protect itself by hedging contracts but such devices prevented the company from enjoying the benefits of the unexpectedly high trading price of electricity in

British Energy faces further uncertainty if there is a change of government, with Labour saying the privileged status of nuclear in the electricity industry - that it is the last form of generation to be called off the system - could be reviewed. But Bob Hawley, chief executive, dismissed it as technically unworkable.

In the past six months the company suffered a £26 million cost in lost revenue and repairs from problems with the two reactors shut down amid a storm of controversy days before privatisation of the company, and hours after individual investors had sub-

mitted their applications. But British Energy said it was on course to make a profit in its full financial year. In the six months to September 30 it lost £53 million, compared with a pro forma loss of £169 million for the same period last year. Output rose 12 per after improvements in production efficiency at its

power stations. But the company, which last month announced 1,400 job losses, gave a warning that future improvements in capacity at its generators could only

An interim dividend of 4.6p

# major finance centre'

LONDON will retain its position as one of the three major global financial centres, regardless of whether Britain joins the European Monetary Union (EMU), according to a senior Bank of England director. John Townend, deputy director of the Bank, told a City & Financial conference in London yesterday: "London's particular strengths, which have proved attractive over the years, remain in place quite unaffected by EMU — the English language, the convenient time zone, availability in abundance of relevant trading and banking skills, the unbureaucratic regulatory framework, the technological infrastructure, and the critical mass of so diverse a range of markets and financial and ancillary services available in one place."

Mr Townend's speech on London's position in the global trading cycle regardless of the EMU follows one earlier this week by Ian Plenderleith, fellow director of the Bank of England, on the same subject.

## Merry Glenmorangie

GEOFFREY MADDRELL, chairman of Glenmorangie, yesterday predicted the whisky company would enjoy a happy Christmas and said that there were signs of improved price stability in the drinks market. Mr Maddrell's positive comments helped Gienmorangie 'A' shares to rise 55p to a closing all-time high of 815p. There was a 7 per cent increase in half year pre-tax profits to £4.3 million. Overall turnover rose 26 per cent to £23 million. The 'A' share and 'B' share interim dividends were increased by 10 per cent to 3.025p and I.513p respectively, payable on January 15, 1997.

## **NSM** warns of loss

SHARES of NSM plunged from 42½ p to a five-year low of 23p yesterday, as the mining company gave warning that interest on its spiralling debt would force it to return a halfway loss. The company, profitable for the last three years, is to sell its US operations to combat the E95 million debt but expects to receive substantially less than asset value. John Jermine, chairman, said trading should pick up substantially next year as its deep mine in South Wales reaches full capacity. After the US disposals NSM will be left with its principal deep mine in South Wales and another IZ opencast mines. flaxo bu

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## **DBS profit soars 109%**

DBS Management, the financial and business services group based in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, has announced halfyear pre-tax profits up 109 per cent, to E2.7 million, with turnover up 59 per cent, to £53.8 million. The interim dividend has been increased 71 per cent, to 6p per share. while earnings per share have jumped 74 per cent to 22.5p. DBS shares, which are quoted on AIM, rose 40p to 495p in reponse to the news. Martin Greenwood, chief executive, said that the company hoped to be able to seek a full stock market quotation before the end of its financial year on March 31.

## Royal plea for help

THE PRINCE OF WALES yesterday urged the business community to give its backing to the new Gifts in Kind charity and "make a big difference to people's lives". The new nture will act as a clearing house through which donations in kind, rather than in cash, can be matched to the most suitable charity. The charity has already received £177,000 from the National Lottery and has signed up the support of Lloyds TSB Group, which provides office space for the charity; Disney Stores; TNT, the transport group; Hewlett Packard; and IBM.

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## Macdonald Hotels up

MACDONALD HOTELS said yesterday that it was looking forward with confidence as the company unveiled a twothirds increase in half-year profits before tax to £4.6 million. The company added five hotels during the first part of the year, increasing its rooms to 1.420 in 22 hotels. Overall turnover increased 25 per cent to £19.2 million. The hotel division increased profits, excluding exceptionals. 15 per centto £4.5 million. A maiden interim dividend of 1.5p is payable

## Car Group worth £43m

THE CAR GROUP, bought by its management for £25 million in March, will be valued at £43 million when it joins the stock exchange next Thursday. The company has raised £14.5 million from the flotation, which it will use to buy out its original backers. The flotation will make Martyn Doherty, its managing director, a paper millionaire by valuing his stake at £2.6 million. Richard Farr, chairman, and Peter Kingchief executive, will also share a stake worth £4.95 million. Charterhouse Tilney is placing 15 million shares at 138p each.

## **Lowndes Lambert slips**

LOWNDES LAMBERT GROUP, the international insurance broker, said worldwide rates had continued to fall or remain flat as it unveiled a El million fall in interim pre-tage profits to £5 million. Although markets in the UK, United. States, Europe and other overseas divisions had been tough, the group was maintaining its interim at 2.9. Group turnover was up 11 per cent to £40.4 million (£36.4 million) and the interim results included the cost of restructuring, some job losses, the introduction of new technology and acquisitions;

## Robert Wiseman ahead

ROBERT WISEMAN DAIRIES yesterday said that it is, under tough pricing pressure from its supermarket customers as it reported a rise in first-half pre-tax profits. from £4.6 million to £6.1 million. The company has increased the interim dividend from lp to 1.15p out of earnings up from 4.47p to 5.47p. Alan Wiseman, the chairman, said: "We have experienced increased margin pressure in the second half year, in particular, as a result of weak bulk cream prices and the ever competitive multiple retailer sector.

## Lloyds TSB property auction raises £40 million

## Bankable assets sell on the nod

By MARTIN BAKER

THE charming man behind the gilded podium in the ballroom of the Hyde Park Hotel cajoled one of the 300-or-so investors present: "Just nod, sir. It's easier than shaking your head." And seconds later the TSB in Taunton town centre was knocked down to a happy buyer for a cool £1.2 million — on the nod.

The sale of 108 branches of the Lloyds Bank TSB network yesterday was, according to John Townsend of Healey & Baker, the auctioneer, "the largest lot sale of property in Britain". It also attracted investors from Germany, the United States and Republic of Ireland, who helped to spend just over £40 million on 19 sites in Scotland, and others spread

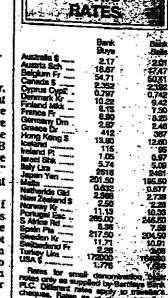
around Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham and the South West.

The freehold and long leasehold propcrties went with a guarantee of 15 years' income. The Lloyds Bank leases guarantee investors that the bank will stay put for at least that term, while the TSB leases allow for some sub-letting but guarantee that the TSB will remain responsible for the rent. Prices typically started out at a multiple of ten times the annual income, with the more expensive

properties offering a better yield. The TSB in Fore Street, Taunton. currently provides an income of £120,000. But the next lot, a Lloyds Bank branch in Retford. Nottinghamshire, offered a more modest 8.75 per cent yield of £35,000 for a purchase price of £400,000.

Given the attractive yields on offer, investment analysts might wonder what Lloyds TSB knows that the rest of the world does not. Why diminish exposure to a sought-after property market? The answer, according to a Lloyds/TSB spokesman is cashflow. "By selling the properties we simply free up our capital." But that still begs the question of what will be done with the money.

One thing seems certain, however, If there are similar sales, investor interest is likely to intensify. When asked in the hotel cloakroom whether she had got what she came for, a fur-coated woman insisted that she had come only to observe as representative of German private investors. If there were another auction, would she return? She nodded.



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## **Ibstock** replaces **Hopkins**

IBSTOCK, the brick manufacturer that last week replaced its chief executive. yesterday removed Anthony Hopkins after two months as head of Ibstock Building Products. Philip Mengel. who has taken over from lan Maclellan as ibstock's chief executive. will now assume Mr Hopkins's re-

An Ibstock spokesman said that Mr Hopkins "felt his position was untenable-. Mr Mengel. 52. described the reason for Mr Hopkins' departure as "just a policy difference over the role of the chief executive ... there was a demarcation dispute". They are understood to have disagreed over who should oversee the Redland-Tarmac integra-tion, which will involve restructurings and redun-

FirstBus home FirstBus has been selected as the preferred bidder for the Great Eastern Rail-ways passenger rail fran-chise, it was announced to the Stock Exchange last night. John O'Brien. the Franchising Director, is expected to make a formal announcement next month, followed by a handover of the service early in the new year. FirstBus beat a bid from National Express. The service out of Liverpool Street Station is seen to have long-term stable prospects because 70 per cent of the passengers hold season

### TV agreement

United News & Media has emerged as the winner for Westcountry Television, the ITV company in Devon and Cornwall. It is believed to have agreed to buy Westcountry for about £80 million from the owners. the Daily Mail & General Trust, Brittany Ferries and Southwest Water, in a deal that will give it near blanket coverage of the ITV market in the far South West.

Storehouse rings up a surprise at halfway By Clare Stewart BOOMING overseas franchise sales and a stronger contribution from British Home Stores helped Store-



Keith Edelman, chief executive, was in a festive mood after a successful first half

rose 3 per cent, with the contribution from new outlets and overseas stores lifting the sales and will be introduced to total sales increase to 7 per all new Bhs stores.

Total franchise sales in the first half rose by 38 per cent to £47 million, accounting for 8

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and by the year end the total number of shops is expected to reach 200. Four more Bhs stores are due to open in the second half together with four

creased in both Bhs and Mothercare. Across the group margins slipped, reflecting the impact of lower-margin sales at Childrens World and sales sale prices.

# Morgan unit trusts to

By Robert Miller and Caroline Merreil

DEUTSCHE BANK, the German owner of Morgan Grenfell, delivered a humiliating blow to its London unit trust arm vesterday when it announced that it was transferring the supervisory role of the UK unit trust company to Frankfurt.

On September 1 Morgan Grenfell was forced to suspend dealings in three of its European unit trusts after alleged irregularities were uncovered by Imra, the watchdog for fund

managers. Peter Young, manager of two of the funds, was suspended from his duties at Morgan Grenfell and subsequently sacked. He is now the subject of an investigation

by the Serious Fraud Office. Deutsche Bank was forced to inject about £180 million into the three trusts before trading in units resumed. Last month, seven senior Morgan Grenfell executives, including Keith Percy, the chief executive, left

The German bank had already hinted that it would shift the supervisory role of the unit trusts, but not the cash or day-to-day management, to head office.

Morgan Grenfell in London and Imro its regulator had no advance warning of yesterday's announcement, however, and both expressed surprise, and in the case of the warchdog "considerable con-

Phillip Thorpe, chief executive of Imro. said: "Any physical separation of related management or compliance functions is not ideal. In some circumstances it may not be acceptable. We have yet to receive any request from Deutsche Morgan Greniell on this matter.'

Investors with a total of El.1 billion in three unit trusts have yet to hear any details of the compensation they could

be offered. Deutsche Bank has pledged to compensate for any "losses resulting from irregularities". It has said it will treat those remaining invested with Morgan Grenfell in the same way as those who sold after the

problems were uncovered.

#### All divisions improved per cent of group turnover. sales, with menswear and Mothercare outlets and two to franchise outlets at wholehome products leading the New Mothercare and Bhs Mothercare World sites, Capifranchised outlets were opental expenditure for the year is Analysts are forecasting full way. The group has continued year profits of £126 million. trials of its "millennium deed in new markets such as estimated at \$110 million. Russia, Israel and Lebanon sign" which it says has lifted UK gross margins inand a dividend of \$.3p. is payable on January 28. be run from Germany

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## ☐ Questions for Rothschild from the PAC ☐ Tokyo lets Hanwa sink ☐ Customer protest unlikely to shake society

ON a Richter Scale of govern-ment mishandling of public as-sets, the findings of the Public Accounts Committee into the sale last year of British Coal probably rate about a three — a minor tremor, a few shaken reputations

but no structural damage.

The main concern relates to NM Rothschild, the bank that cornered the market in privatisa-tion work on behalf of the Government. A side issue was the involvement of Richard Budge, the eventual buyer of large chunks of British Coal, in an inquiry into the financial affairs of his brother, which was not notified to those selling the coal industry. As Mr Budge was cleared of any wrongdoing, this is more a failure of communica-tion between officials than any-

thing more sinister. As to Rothschilds, the valuations the bank provided for Britain's coal industry proved hopelessly short of the mark. The bank was first appointed to look at coal in 1991. At the time Lord Wakeham was Secretary of State for Energy, and paved the way for the sell-off of the coal industry, not least through overseeing the earlier privatisation of the electricity industry. Lord Wakeham trundled off to

the House of Lords in 1992,

# Miner earthquake, public loses out

leaving the Government entirely in July 1994. Just six months later he popped up as non-executive director at Rothschilds, a parttime job that delivers pocket money of £50,000. His appointment led to calls for rules to stem the flow of ex-ministers into jobs with companies that they helped privarise.

The bank was criticised by the committee for the value it put on Britain's coalmines, some of which went on to deliver wondrously high profits for Mr Budge and the £2.5 million success bonus paid based on some criteria which Rothschilds had already achieved — easy money, in other words. British Coal, like virtually

every other privatisation, was sold off too cheaply. The trouble with valuations like the one provided by Rothschilds is that they tend to set a guide price on assets, rather than making the buyer do the work. The cosy links between Government and City are unavoidable, as the rules are at present. Lord Wakeham would hardly have gone to such a prestigious bank had he been in charge of the arts or tourism. He was allowed to go, and they wanted him there. Lucky Richard Budge. We have all wondered at the un-expected success of RJB, and now we need wonder no more. He was sold the business too cheap. Again, no blame attaches to him. The real blame attaches to those unnamed officials at the Department of Trade and Industry who allowed themselves to be legged over by the City. Again.

#### Japan breaks the bank

☐THERE is an old ioke on Japan's monolithic politics that has the American occupying forces explaining that a mature liberal democracy is two-sided, with a government and an opposition. The Japanese go away and create just such a system - and so it remains for PENNINGTON

and the same opposition. The financial world in Japan, also drawn up by the Americans along American lines, was similarly ossified - hence the need for a Japanese Big Bang to prevent further loss of market share to other, less-regulated Asian exchanges, such as Hong Kong and Singapore.

Less regulation means more risk, and this requires the odd business to founder. The decision to cut loose a small regional bank in Osaka, rather than rallying round other banks to provide buoyancy until the business floated back to the surface of its own accord, is a further move in

the direction of bringing Japa-nese financial services into line with the rest of the world.

If the Ministry of Finance goes through with its stated intention to allow Hanwa Bank of Osaka to go under, this should strengthen most of the remaining players in Japan's financial system and boost the credibility of the authorities. Only most, though; some analysts are con-vinced that the new policy will mean a third of Japanese financial institutions will cease to exist

in their current form. Under plans put in place in the spring, all deposits at financial institutions will be protected for a period of five years, until 2001 when the Big Bang is due to hit. during which time the aim is to encourage the principle of self-responsibility and expand the disclosure of information.

Eddie George. Governor of the Bank of England, was in Japan Il months ago, oddly enough. He told banks there that a stainless steel safety net designed to save

encourage higher and higher-risk strategies by institutions that were guaranteed not to fail no matter how daft their actions. until the rescue costs became too high and the system collapsed. The Japanese have now been forced to heed his advice.

#### All over at A&L bar withdrawals

☐ MY brief note last week likening those customers of the Alliance & Leicester unhappy with the bonuses coming with conversion to ungrateful paupers squabbling over charity handouts has prompted a response from readers quite out of proportion to its length. The issue has aroused an unexpected degree of passion.

The rebel customers are threatening to withdraw £100 million in protest. As the society has assets of more than £23 billion, this is not going to make the pillars of this particular temple crumble. There is something deeply unedifying about already wealthy people resorting to such tactics in return for a bob or two more. But let us try to look at the matter dispassionately.

A&L customers are indeed its ultimate owners, just as share-holders own the company. The parallel ends there. Each share. by law, carries the same rights: the more shares, the greater the control. The same does not apply to each pound invested in society accounts, any more than customers in a clearing bank have rights that increase along with their bank balances.

Second, the bonuses on conversion are not a "return" on an "investment" — this comes in the form of interest paid on those balances. They are designed to compensate members for the loss of mutual status. As this is indivisible, a sliding scale of compensation is only applicable when this system benefits the majority of members. This does not apply in the A&L's case: instead, because of the large number of small investors, an equal payout to all is the more utilitarian approach.

It seems clear that a sufficient majority of A&L customers have already voted in favour of the terms on offer. That would seem to settle the matter.

# Glaxo buys full control of Japanese joint venture

GLAXO WELLCOME put itself in position yesterday to anack the Japanese pharmaceuticals market on its own by taking full control of its big-gest Japanese joint venture for about 1361 million.

The deal marks the end of more than four decades of collaboration with the Konishi family, which owned half of Nippon Glaxo, the joint venrure. Glaxo had been trying to buy the Konishi stake for some time because of the family's apparent resistance to make significant investments in the business, analysis said.

Glaxo would not comment on its relationship with the Konishis, but said that owning 100 per cent of Nippon Glaxo

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would provide it with a "plat-form for growth" in the world's second-largest phar-maceuticals market. Glaxo has been criticised for its inability to raise its market share in Japan beyond about 2 per cent, which is less than half of its global market share. Nippon Glaxo has a broad

range of research and development, manufacturing and distribution operations. Most of the older drugs in its portfolio. including Zantac, the ulcer treatment, are sold through the joint venture. But many new crugs, such as imigran, a migraine medicine, have not been approved yet for Japanese use. Nippon Glaxo reported after-tax profits of £15.6 million



Sykes: ending collaboration

in the half year to June 30 and had net assets of £180 million. Sir Richard Sykes, Glaxo chief executive, wants to merge Nippon Glaxo with

Nippon Wellcome, its other joint venture in Japan, which it inherited last year after taking over Wellcome. Nippon Wellcome is 55 per cent owned by Glaxo and 45 per cent by Sumitomo. Before merging the joint ventures. Glaxo must decide whether it wants to keep Sumitomo as a partner or find another candidate.

Merging the two ventures would create a company with some £700 million in annual sales, equivalent to 9 per cent of Glaxo's total turnover. Its long-term goal is to double its Japanese market share. Glaxo said the purchase of the Nippon Glaxo stake would be financed through borrowings and be earnings enhancing.

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### Sears likely to seek buyer for Freemans

SPECULATION was growing yesterday that Sears, the troubled stores group run by Liam Strong, is looking to sell its Freemans catalogue business (Sarah Cunningham writes).

Continental catalogue companies such as Otto Versand of Germany and Pinault Printemps Redoute of France are thought the most likely bidders. Analysts say the company would probably fetch around £400 million. Otto Versand, a private company, owns the Grattan catalogue business, while PPR owns Empire.

Other possible bidders for Freemans are thought to include N Brown, the small but very successful catalogue group, as well as Littlewoods and Burton.

## **Morgan Crucible** to float Emblem

By Alasdair Murray

MORGAN CRUCIBLE, the of its turnover, produces airspecialist engineering group, yesterday confirmed that it is to spin-off its aerospace, sensors and instruments division in a float likely to value the business at £40 million.

The move to float the recenty formed Emblem division reflects Morgan's strategy of focusing on its core materials technology activity.

Proceeds of the float will be used further to reduce Morgan's debt pile: the City believes that the company will soon launch a major acquisition drive to expand its industrial ceramics division.

Emblem operates two divisions, which have manufacturing facilities in the UK and the US. The aerospace divi-sion, representing 62 per cent

craft weapons systems, scanning motors and the cord reels and integrated handset cradles used by airlines' in-flight entertainment systems. The sensors and instruments division specialises in electro-optic sensors for civil and medical uses, nuclear reactor detectors and Geiger counters.

Emblem last year produced operating profits, excluding management charges and exceptional items, of £4.3 million on turnover of 136 million. It forecasts profits, excluding management charges and ex-ceptional items, of £5.1 million for the year to January 4 1997. The existing management will remain after the float.

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### Waddington jumps 36% at half time

STABILITY in paper and plastic markets stoked profits growth at Wad-dington, the printing and packaging group, as it returned pre-tax profits of £15.5 million, a 36 per cent gain in the six months to September 28 (Fraser Nelson writes).

As the group's E40 million capital expenditure programme got under way, sales grew 18 per cent to £156 million. Earnings jumped from 7.9p to 10.54p per share, and an interim dividend is 10 per cent higher, at 4.4p. due on January 17. The pharmacentical packaging division returned operating profits 59 per cent ahead at £3.43 million. The shares rose 512 p to 264p.

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his past 25 years a wide range of sophisticated airliners has been developed, each successive model involving the steady application of modern technology.

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# Investors show caution as Budget approaches

INVESTORS and traders have begun battening down the hatches as Tuesday's Budget speech by the Chancellor approaches.

Another strong performance by the pound, which soared to a four-year high against the dollar, and further gains on the bond market kept losses in the equity market to a minimum. The FT-SE 100 index. down almost to points earlier in the session, finished 9 down at 3.953.80 in the face of further profit-taking on Wall Street after this week's record-breaking run by the Dow Jones industrial average.

Retail demand also showed signs of slowing down and this was reflected in turnover where the total number of shares traded reached just 746.5 million.

Among leaders, British Gas suffered a correction after its recent speculative run. The price dropped 6½p to 222p with still no sign of the bid from Shell, 10p lower at 981p. Instead, investors are focusing again on costly supply contracts with producers and disagreements with the regulator. By the close, 17 million shares had changed hands.

Guinness floated to the top with a rise of 6p to 46lp as Cazenove, the broker, urged clients to switch out of Grand Metropolitan, down 32p at 461p. Some bearish comments from Credit Suisse First Boston left Cable and Wireless 5½P cheaper at 476p after figures on Wednesday. London International, the condom maker, rose 3½ p to 158½ p on the back of a "buy" re-commendation from HSBC James Capel, the broker. BZW also rates the shares a buy and says shareholders are unlikely to be disappointed with the group's performance. It expects pre-tax profits to grow 46

per cent to £9.5 million. There were few surprises in maiden figures from British Energy, which was floated this year. The shares slipped lp to 1342 p. The group also confirmed it was linking up with Southern Electric. 2p lighter at 6962p, to obtain long-term supplies of electric-

ity at a fixed price. This served to focus the spotlight on the power generators, with National Power bouncing back after the lukewarm reception given to its figures on Wednesday. It finished the session 17p better at

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Sir Alistair Grant announced higher profits at Safeway

West Securities. But it still stands some way below the high for the year of 605p. PowerGen rose 10p to 588p.

A warning about a further erosion of margins left Safeway 15 p easier at 3095 p. It came as the group announced an increase in pre-tax profits up from £213.7 million to £228.2 million. Brokers came back from a post-results

for Quadramatic. up 32p at 2552p. Lowndes Lambert, the Bargain hunters came to the rescue of Thorn which has slumped to a low of 293 p since the demerger. Mercury Asset Management has picked up three million shares in the past few weeks, lifting its stake to 15.5 per cent. Almost four million shares were

traded yesterday as the price closed 6p higher at 2994 p.

meeting at the company in a bullish mood, with SBC Warburg and Merrill Lynch both said to be buyers.

Better than expected halfyear profits from Storehouse went down well with the City and pushed the shares up op at 275p. After a disappointing first quarter, things are picking up, with emphasis on Children's World, bought from Boots.

Brokers had to contend with several more profit warnings. NSM saw its share price almost halve with a fall of 194 p to 23p after saying that it expected to make a trading loss at the halfway stage. The group is also in talks with its bankers about short-term

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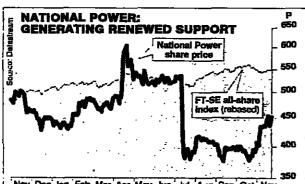
with the group in an upbeat

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The business is likely to value. Brokers say Ryan M ing in South Wales, which bought earlier this year. failed to reach the expen

production levels. But Stordata Solution held steady at 9p after it s that profits this year would hit by closure costs. Laserline, its vehicle security products arm, will not achieve the sort of profitability the market had been looking for.

Glenmorangie, the whisky distiller, is looking forward to merry Christmas that should produce buoyant sales. There are also signs that prices in the industry are stabilising. In the first six months pre-tax profits grew 7 per cent to £4.3 million. The 'A' shares jumped 55p to 815p and the 'B' 55p to £10.25.

Shares of Honeysuckle Group, the fashion group, returned from suspension 5p lower at 35p after reporting losses last year, a cut in the dividend and the appointment of Jeremy Hamer as chair-man. Michael Jackson's Elderstreet Investments is set to buy a 33.3 per cent stake in the company. They eventually closed 122p cheaper at 272p. Mersey Docks and Har-

bour Company rose 4p to 386 p after announcing plans to halt its Eurolink ferry services from Sheerness to Vlissingen on December 1. Instead, rival Jacobs Holdings, 12p firmer at 73p, will operate its Dart Line service from Dartford to Vlissinger for customers of Eurolink. Jacobs is currently bidding for Ropper, unchanged at 1184 p. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Prices gathered pace after a cautious start on the back of that firmer pound which surged to a fourenabled London to outperform other European bond mar-kets. In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt closed near its best of the day with a rise of E716 at £1101116 as a total of 61,000 contacts were completed. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 jumped E1932 to E103316, while among shorter-dated coupons,

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# Safe and sound

WITH interim profits bang in line with City expectations yesterday along with predictable sales growth. Saleway runs the risk of looking a bit worthy and dull. Investors are accus-tomed to disasters and crises in the food

retailing sector.

The perception is probably unfair. Safeway has at least been innovative and has adopt some smart marketing gimmicks. The ABC loyalty card provides it with more data on customers' buying habits than other such cards. More important, it has avoided the worst of the price skirmishes to which its competitors have become addicted.

Self-scanning and self-payment systems, which allow customers to avoid queuing at tills (the worst of the weekly shopping chore for most customers) have begun to prove themselves and will be installed at more sites.

Looking further forward, its joint venture with BP, developing petrol forecourt convenience stores, offers growth in the medium term. Meanwhile, petrol price margins have begun to move in a positive direction after a year-long squeeze exacerbated by Esso's

Pricewatch campaign.
Positive developments have fed through to the share price, but the stock is still at a discount to J Sainsbury, Tesco and Asda. That suggests there is some upside in Safeway, but investors should question the sector's virtues

before piling in.

In the retailing sector, the grocers are now a defensive play. They should benefit from the consumer upturn, but at a slower rate than those stores selling big-ticket fashion or electronic goods which are due for further

#### Babcock

ONLY a few months ago, some were predicting a disastrous set of interim losses at Babcock, but this com-pany continually surprises. Even after a nasty £6 million of aggregated losses from process engineering, environmental and its African businesses, the company produced a solid £2 million profit. With that level of underlying support and a commitment to improve margins further from mate-

ward must be up.

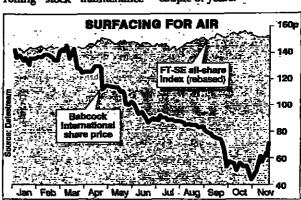
The key to the future must be the imminent takeover of Rosyth. Thanks to the Government's decision to conduct a do-it-yourself disposal, the negotiation has dragged on for 18 months. Nevertheless, delay seems to have worked at least partly in Babcock's favour. Whether the other

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bidders gave up in bored frustration or because submarine maintenance is too complex a business. Babcock may have secured a potential gold mine for what looks like £25 million. Babcock has been running

Rosyth under contract for some time and managed to make £7.5 million from its rolling stock maintenance

business and the dockyard. With five years of guaranteed income from nuclear submarine and warship maintenance, profits of £7.5 million could double. Add to that better margins at mate rials handling and breakeven at process engineering and Babcock's profits could well exceed £20 million in a couple of years.



#### Glaxo Wellcome

JAPAN has always been a sore spot for Glazo Wellcome. The group has roughly 5 per cent of the global pharmaceuticals market, but has never been able to capture more than 2 per cent of the Japanese market, the world's second largest, in spite of its presence there since the mid-1950s.

Glaxo has shovelled some of the blame on the apparent partner to spend the considerable amounts of money needed to open doors in this notoriously closed market, So Glaxo has decided pretty much to go it alone. It has bought its partner's half share in Nippon Glaxo, and intends to merge it with Nippon Wellcome, the smaller Japanese joint venture that it inherited with the acquisi-

on of Wellcome last year. The question is whether axo's domination of its panese business will sit ell with drugs buyers. Busi-

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ness in Japan is as much about securing the right part-ners and relationships as marketing and financial clout. Glaxo now has the freedom to pour as much money as it wants into Japan, but should not forget that foreign companies rarely get equal treatment if the politics

Morgan Crucible MORGAN CRUCIBLE, the pany, surprised few observers yesterday with the news that it was ditching its hotchpotch of an aerospace and instruments division.

The company is on record as saying it wants to focus more on its industrial ceramics and specialist chemicals businesses. The £40 million raised through a float of Em-blem is slightly more than could be raised via a trade sale and this will further bolster the company's strong fi-nancial position. Half-year

which represents gearing of about 42 per cent - hardly excessive for a company when its earnings are grow

ing in double digits.
The City has been anticipating that Morgan is preparing itself for a significant purchase, probably an addition to its industrial ceramics business. But the company remains more circumspect on its buying policies and al-though a failure to land a big deal may cause some disapa strong track record in achieving growth through bolt-ons and internal

Morgan has increased margins from 10 to 12.5 per cent in the past few years, but with lower-margin business-es being discarded the comdrive profits further. The company sits on a comfort-able rating of about 16 times price earnings, offering good medium-term prospects.

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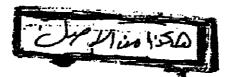
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Tony Sutton presents a two-page special report on the regeneration of a once great city that is fighting to regain its former glory

# Shipshape and back in fashion

rants triggering more than £400 million worth tol's city centre are expected to be announced today when Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, visits the area English Partnerships, the Govern-ment's regeneration body, is to provide £35 million to fund the infrastructure for Bristol's key strategic sites - the former 66-acre Bristol Docks, now called Harbourside, and the 23-acre Temple Quay near Bristol's main railway station. Schemes for these sites will

transform the centre of Bristol.
At Harbourside, work on an £82 million science and leisure complex featuring what is described as the UK's first electronic 200 - will start in the new year. Expectations are high that the £98 million Centre for the Performing Arts will succeed in its £75 million bid for funding from the National Arts Council. This will aim to be the remier arts facility for the West of England. The science and leisure elements. Wildscreen World and Science World, have just been granted £41 million of National Lottery money from the Mil-

lennium Commission. The other site, Temple Quay, is planned to become Bristol's headquarter office sector, linking the railway station with Broadmead, the city's main shopping area.

These developments represent a turnaround in Bristol's fortunes. For years there have been schemes for the regeneration of the historic harbour area. Until now, all have foundered. It has taken a huge change in attitudes by the public and private sectors, an improving economy and public funding to get the city moving again. Both sectors now realise they need each other and have built close working relationships through partnership

boards and companies Big companies such as Sun Life have relocated to north Bristol close to the M4-M5 corridor. John Lewis. Bristol's largest department store. is leaving Broadmead, the main shopping area, to set up in a



Heseltine: announcement today

750,000 sq ft out-of-town regional shopping centre at Cribbs Causeway on the M5. This will be a mini-Meadowhall complete with leisure facilities and is expected to open in the spring of 1998.

In recent years there has also been a rapid growth of business parks in north Bristol and they have begun to challenge the city for new development.

The Ministry of Defence opened its Procurement Executive office complex in north Bristol this sum-mer. At 1.2 million sq ft, it was the biggest office scheme in Britain and it has had a big impact on the area. attracting defence-related companies and boosting the local housing market. The nearby Bradley Stoke housing estate is no longer "sadly broke" as a BBC documentary programme described it. House prices are increasing by about I per cent a month.

In the west, the opening last June of the £350 million Second Severn Crossing is having a profound effect on both sides of the river. On the Bristol side, a 2,000-acre tract of land is being developed by ICI and RTZ and marketed as Severnside. It is in this area that Bristol has

the privatisation of the present Bristol Docks at Portbury. The port now boasts that it is the UK's second-biggest car-handler and has gained more than £100 million investment since it passed into

Today's investment announce ments in the city centre will do much to redress the imbalance that was developing between the two areas, city centre and out of town. City council attempts to keep

companies such as Bristol & West Building Society and BT in the centre appear to have succeeded. Bristol & West is now a racing certainty to move to Temple Quay. and there is a good possibility that it will be joined by BT. In total, they require about 400,000 sq ft — more than the average annual take-up of office space in the city.

There is also progress in tackling traffic problems. Companies are being asked to submit plans for a rapid transit system that could cost up to £400 million.

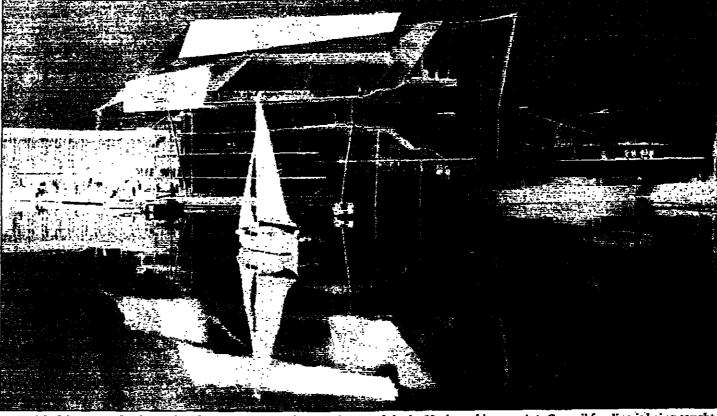
The management of the town centre is being handled by the Broadmead Board, set up by the public and private sectors. John Lewis's Broadmead premises are being taken over by Bentalls, which will undertake a £10 million refurbishment programme before it opens in autumn 1998.

The initial success of the Broadmead Board has caught the interest of Newcastle. Coventry, and Swansea.

aul Smith, the chairman of the council's city committee and joint chairman of the Broadmead Board, says: "Companies we thought were going to leave the city are now deciding to stay and that is obviously anchoring a large number of jobs within the city. I think we are beginning to win the battle against out-of-town development - residential, commercial and retail. "For the first time in about 30 years, the population of the city has

increased. And this has been main-

ly in the central area.



A model of the Centre for the Performing Arts proposed for Canon's Marsh in the Harbourside area. Arts Council funding is being sought

# How they all pulled together

city for regeneration", Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, announced when he opened the MoD's massive £254 million defence procurement headquarters in north Bristol earlier this year. It was music to the ears of many Labour councillors present, who could remember bit-ter battles with the Thatcher Government over the issue.

Mr Portillo acknowledged that there had been a remarkable change. One of the reasons Bristol failed to win any City Challenge money five years ago was because the Government could not believe the public and private sectors were

really working together, he said. That failed challenge had depressed many in both camps. They were seeing other cities such as Birmingham, Manchester, Leeds, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Cardiff forge ahead. Bristol, with its long seafaring history and its status for much of the past millennium as the realm's second city, faced an

After years of decline, public

and private sectors united

uncertain future. Its position had sunk to eighth and its image tarnished as the Government set about imposing an urban development corporation on a most reluctant local authority.

The city council fought it all the way to the House of Lords but without success. But it meant that the corporation received little support for much of its existence.

"Bristol unfortunately had a reputation for being preoccupied with politics and it suffered," Nicholas Hood, chairman of Wessex Water, says. "The city and the area receded in the Seventies and Eighties. When I was a boy the tobacco industry employed 40,000 people in Bristol. Today I think it is



Portillo: remarkable change

just 300. The drinks industry and, of course defence, has also

Louis Sherwood, chairman of HTV. recalls "about a dozen leading businessmen getting together in 1989 to create the Initiative. In a sense both public and private

sectors came towards each other and there was a realisation that unless we all started working together and pulling in the same direction things were not going to happen in Bristol."

St John Hartnell, senior partner of commercial agent Hartnell Tay-lor Cook, says: "The Initiative was eventually about 70-strong and had every chairman of every mover and shaker in Bristol as a member."

It was merged with the Chamber of Commerce in 1993 to form a rather unique animal, the Chamber of Commerce and Initiative. Ken Johnson projects director

of English Partnerships, says: "Bristol is going to have more to shout about than it has had for a long time. There is now a tremendous opportunity for the city to become very upbeat."

There are now 16 partnership schemes. Joint activities range from housing for the poor to developing £200 million projects such as Harbourside.



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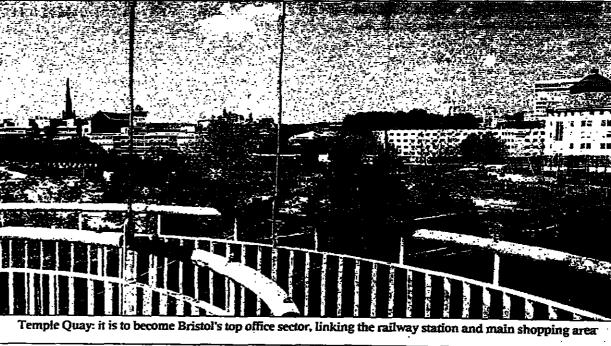
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## Marketing skills to bring real work to the jobless

Bristol has an impor-tant strategic role to play in the economic The region offers investors a thriving business centre with good development and regeneration of the area around it. As a major manufacturing base. the city is of great importance in helping to attract new skills of local authorities, the

The Western Development Partnership (WDP) is carrying out work to help local businesses to thrive. The organisation was formed in 1993 by local public and private-sector partners in what used to be known as the county of Avon, which was replaced this year by four unitary authorities for Bristol. Bath, the Somerset resort of Weston-super-Mare and south Gloucestershire in the area where the M4 meets the M5. It promotes the subregion as "Bristol, Bath. West of England".

It is backed by the area's local authorities, the business community and a range of other agencies committed to economic development. Operating as a limited company it plans to develop the area as one of the most prosperous and technically advanced in Europe, through a strategy of

diversifying the economy. Bristol is a thriving financial services, manufacturing and retail centre with excellent motorway, rail, air and shipping links. Like other areas in the region, however, it also has inner-city deprivation and pockets of high unemployment and longterm joblessness.

WDP is harnessing the

road, rail, air and shipping links vides WDP with substantial

funding. Initiatives include a West of England Aerospace Forum and other specialist industryled groups for financial services, multimedia, direct marketing, medicine and health and printing and packaging.

Wester operates as a private company and plays a central role in attracting business, ensuring the local workforce has skills that employers want and helping

6 There has been a complete turnaround in co-operation. It has been a great achievement ?

The organisation has progressively developed initiatives to target the development of industrial and business sectors that are strongly represented in the area. These are backed by seconded staff from local companies, including British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce. and by regular support from higher education, government agencies and organisations such as the Western Training and Enterprise Council (Westee), which pro-

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Martin Willey, the chief

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It provides direct funding to a range of public and private-sector projects aimed at improving the local economy. Westec's work in economic development, business support services, education and training is delivered through its partners, includ-ing WDP. Business Link West, Learning Partnership West, Skills Link West and the Equality Foundation.

Martin Sandbrook, head

of planning and community

the area's economy is now supported by a powerful network of parmership

Compared with five years ago, there has been a complete turnaround in terms of co-operation in the area. It has been a great achievement." He believes one of the notable advances has been in people development and points out that about 25 per cent of the area's employees now work for companies that have achieved or are working towards the Investors in

People standard. About 6,000 people, either long-term unemployed or aged 16 to 24, are undergoing training. A further 900 people have benefited from Modern Apprenticeships since the scheme started in

The Western Development Partnership is one of five economic development agencies oper-ating in Gloucestershire, Somerset, Dorset and Wiltshire. Its efforts are backed the West of England Development Agency (WEDA), the Governmentfunded inward investment

organisation for the region. The idea is that the various county-based bodies and WEDA co-operate and "hunt as a pack" to establish a marketable identity for the region in order to attract inward investors.

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# Voyage that will put Bristol back on map

wenty-seven million people watched the programme on BBC television and 17 million on ITV, so it must have been a World Cup final or a royal tell-u-all documentary. But no, the event that attracted so many viewers was the Festival of the Sea celebration in Bristol earlier this year. No one was more sur-

prised than the sponsors, who had thought up the event almost as a backdrop for the launch of a replica of John Cabot's ship, Matthew, which set out from Bristol in 1497. The "real" event is next year when the Matthew. after a royal send-off, retraces Cabot's epic voyage across the Atlantic in which the explorer landed in North America and called it "New Foundeland".

Matthew's promoters -Bristol's public and private sectors - hope not only that the voyage will help to put Bristol back on the world map but will also "destroy the Columbus myth". "Columbus never set foot on North America. Cabot was the real hero." says St John Harmell, chairman of the Cabot committee that has realised this scheme; and senior partner of commercial property agents Harmell, Taylor, Cook. The voyage is also a reminder of Bristol's illustrious past. For centuries it was the second city in the land and the kingdom's most important port.

The Matthew project was born at an important time -when the city seemed to be losing out to other places in . importance and even its own inhabitants were losing laith. There were riots, and a growing exocus of companies from Bristol.

"The whole of Bristol is behind Matthew," says Mr Harinell. "Everyone refers to it as our ship. Many people would argue that the ship itself has been the cause of the get-together in Bristol the first outward sign that the city and private enterprise could really work

When Matthew sets sail on May 2, exactly 500 years accompanied by a flotilia ofsmall and tall ships. Cana-



Setting sail: the replica of John Cabot's Matthew

da's new destroyer, HMS St John. will escort the ship across the Atlantic.

By the time the journey starts everyone should know about it. In Bristol there will be two balls, one at the start of the journey along the Avon and one at the end. Along the river there will be a mile-long, two-day fair culminating in a fireworks display at Portbury.

Tor those not able to witness this event in person there is to be television coverage. The BBC is to broadcast six half-hour. prime-time programmes during the ship's voyage across the Atlantic. There will be simultaneous broadcasts throughout the United

North America, the festivities will restart. The ship will

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means business

be greeted by the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prime Minister of Canada. Jean Chrétien, and Brian Tobin, the Premier of Newfoundland.

Several events are planned as Matthew circumnavigates Newfoundland, travels up the St Lawrence river to Boston, Massachusetts, and then on to Newport, Rhode Island, and New York. Everyone should have heard of Bristol by journey's end.

Matthew's promoters describe it as "one of the highest profile events of

The scheme, which has cost £1.75 million, has been underwitten by festival chairman Michael Slade, who runs property developers Helical Bar. He is not

TONY SUTTON

A site, unwanted for a decade, is to become the

biggest area for

renewal, says **Tony Sutton** 

hen Michael Heseltine visits Temple Quay to-day he will come to applaud success. But 12 months ago the 23-acre site in Bristol city centre seemed almost impossible to develop. Many national developers had come and departed empty-

Now Bristol & West Building Society should announce that it will be building the biggest headquarter offices the city centre has seen in recent

Assuming the best laid lans do not go awry. Bristol & West will be buying the 2.6acre waterfront site opposite NatWest Life's headquarters and putting up 270,000 sq ft of buildings, to be built in phases. The first phase of 150,000 sq ft will start next

At the same time property developer Castlemore will be signing up to produce a speculative office scheme of nearly 45,000 sq ft and a mixed-use leisure/retail facility of 70,000

All these developments are in the core part of a 23-acre site stretching from Brunel's much-admired Temple Meads railway station to the Floating Harbour. This area is destined to become Bristol's new office quarter. There is planning consent for up to one million sq ft of offices, but the final density is likely to be less, perhaps 750,000 sq ft. It will be supported by shops, restaurants and other services.

Ken Johnson, projects director for English Partnerships, the Government's regeneration body, says: What we are

creating here is the best office site in Bristol." The agency is investing £15 million in the site with the creation of new roads. squares and public open spaces. Investment from the

in excess of £200 million. The city council is keen to have a large arena for staging events which would serve the next to Bristol's main railway station. The agency is examining how it could be funded as it

private sector is expected to be

# £215 million plan for city's new business heart

This is the first major site that English Partnerships has taken over from a development corporation and could be the 6 New road model for other such transac-

links to time, vears' when the London be built 9 Docklands Development Corporation comes to the end of its life, English Partnerships will acquire the

Royal Docks. And in the same year, in Plymouth, the development corporation's flagship site, Royal William Yard, is also likely to pass into the

tions. In two



Ken Johnson: "It'll be the best office site in Bristol"

agency's hands. In effect the agency is taking over unfin-ished business of the corporations which in some cases will be rescue missions, ranging from half-com-

pleted schemes to projects which are still in the 6 Project to pipeline. boost retail

Despite six years of intensive and leisure 9 marketing, the corporation had failed to secure

any regeneration of its key sind.

In ten years the site has gone says.

It is a good relationship. It is a good relationship. It is a good relationship. any regeneration of its key site. part of the city." Mr Johnson - Temple Meads, Quay Point and now Temple Quay. So what English Partnerships has achieved in just under 12

months is remarkable. It has been helped by a dramatic change in the political climate. a rapidly improving economy - and by putting more public

money into the site. "The approach we are taking is very proactive, says Mr Johnson. "We are in direct control, using the appropriate Castlemore and Bristol & West to procure individual buildings. I think it looks as if this approach is going to pay

English Partnerships in Bristol has also forged a close working relationship with the city council. "Although the city is not a landowner at Temple Quay, we are working with them very closely

in terms of devel oping the masterplan and going through there is a general involvement in an important

works well given the difficulties that existed between the city and the development cor-

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showing how animals function, zooming into a termite colony to see how it works and dropping in on a penguin colony in the polar regions — these are just some of a range of attractions visi-tors will be able to experience in Britain's first electronic 200.

Tony Sutton writes. Due to open in 1999, it will be one of the elements making up Wildscreen World and Science World at Harbourside, Bristol's historic harbour area. A year later, it is expected that they will be joined by a Centre for the Performing Arts (CPA) which will finally achieve Bristol's long-term dream of giving the region "a new focus for leisure, the arts and tourism".

Christopher Parsons, the nan behind Wildscreen World, says that the mixing of elements — animals, models, graphics and audiovisual systems in an integrated way to tell a story has not been done before. There will also be a large format 3D cinema supported by six-track sound. The effect will be to transport the audience to the habitat on view. You could find yourself surrounded by sharks or perhaps lions.

Mr Parsons, who produced David Attenborough's Life on Earth series, says: This is just one component of what you might call a year-round, allweather visitor attraction about the natural world. It tries to provide something for all ages and levels of interest." Nicholas Hood, chairman of

the Bristol 2000 scheme. which covers these developments on Harbourside, thinks that the project will add £30 economy. This is the first major scheme outside London to be awarded money from the Millennium Commission. It gets £41 million towards the £82 million project and only £2 million of the balance is

Louis Sherwood, chairman of HTV and the CPA project, is hoping for similar success with the Arts Council where a bid for £75 million for the performing arts centre has recently been submitted. He expects a reply by May.
The CPA will not only give

Bristol the modern concert hall it so badly needs, but also a medium dance theatre - the first facility in Britain to meet the Arts Council specification. There will also be a residential development on the 66-acre Harbourside. Bristol city council and British Gas will shortly be marketing space for 250,000 sq ft of offices.

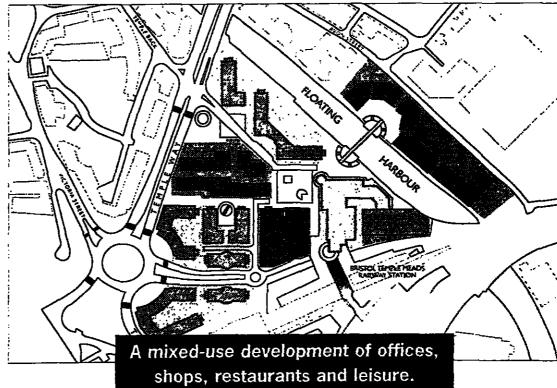
These commercial elements on Harbourside which were planned to help to fund the leisure and art centre components. But because the commercial programme has slipped behind the leisure schemes. English Parmerships has stepped in to provide £19 million to build the public squares, open spaces car park

Ken Johnson, projects direcfor for English Partnerships. says: "We are acting as the front funder, taking a lot of the risk out of the complicated partnership scheme."



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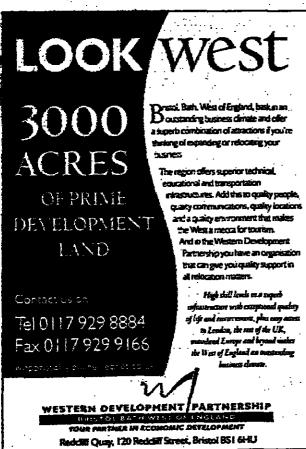
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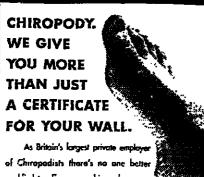
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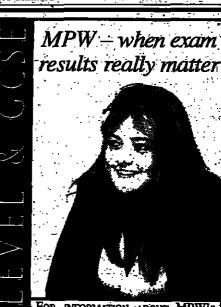
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# How to choose the right sixth-form place

Anne Lee offers expert advice on

making the all-important decision

SCHOOLS

ome senior schools do not have a sixth form so choice is forced on its pupils, and some students want to take the opportunity to consider removing the straitjacket of the schooling they have so far received. The choice is between moving on to a specialist sixth-form college, or changing to an independent or

The autumn term is the time when schools hold their sixth-form days. How do you cut through the persuasive presentations to assess the real value of what is offered?

The first place to which many ambitious parents turn is the league table. Though actural results can be a guide to strength and weakness. league table positions may mask outstanding achievements in one school, and overstate success in another. Dig

deeper. Assessing teaching quality at a school you know is easier than establishing the quality of teaching elsewhere. A series of excellent A-level results can conceal key weaknesses. I came ato contact with one apparently outstanding school where many pupils studied economics and relatively few took maths. The pupils later told me that the mathematics

teacher had halitosis. The numbers of pupils opting to study a subject can be as significant as the grades achieved. You may not expect large numbers to study Latin in an academic school, but you would expect maths, English, European languages, history, geography and the sciences to have reasonably strong support.
Parents should look closely at the

range of subjects offered, and match it to their child's strengths. Some 16-year-olds will thrive on a diet of media studies, history of art and photography, others will not be sufficiently challenged. They may need the more traditional "hard" A-level the bit of the challenged the more traditional "hard" A-level to be sufficiently the challenged to the challenged to be sufficiently the challenged to t level subjects for possible entry to university courses.

If your child has learning difficulties, sympathetic teaching and a policy that allows extra time for internal and external examinations

Boarding schools clearly have more time to offer extracurricular opportunities, but parents need again to look behind the rhetoric. How often do all

the clubs and societies actually meet, how many members do they have? What happens at weekends; does the school empty because they are really weekly boarders, or are good staff also on duty then? When is the art room or the com-

puter room open and supervised? Teenagers do not want to be organised all the time. but they should be encouraged to take opportunities, otherwise the wine bar or pub may become the only focal point.

Some sixth-form colleges offer specialist courses. Ben Elton claimed that his education was saved because his parents noticed his obsession with drama and sent him to a sixth-form college to study

Sixth-form colleges can be a relief for some pupils because they offer study subjects not offered within the normal curriculum. For some, however, they can be hell because they are often large and anonymous. A dislocated youngster can more easily get academically or socially lost in his type of environ-



A student at a girls' school: would it be best for her to stay in a single-sex environment?

ment than in a school where staff have known them since they were aged 11 or 13.

Ask about the list of courses and institutions to which past pupils have moved. Ask who gives careers advice and about their experience. Some schools are particularly good at this, and the old boys' or old girls' network can be very strong. If you are eager for your child to

attend a leading university, the statistics on entry tell us that you may be best advised to send them to tion of tutoring for interviews to Oxford and Cambridge.

You should certainly find out whether the school you choose can give good careers advice. Some pupils believe they have been marking time until they can go and work, so can the sixth form ensure that they have marketable skills. and perhaps raise their occupational horizons?

Disciplinary expectations in sixth forms vary enormously. Sixteen-year-olds need to learn to manage their own freedom — but with safety nets. A good sixth form will have a few rules and methods of monitoring behaviour, but those rules should be clearly communi-

Sometimes, pupils at single-sex may describe as a "more normal" environment. Coeducation, if the hormones are raging, may be the better option for these teenagers.

The teaching in girls' schools tends to be much more prescribed and organised than in some coedua governor of Oueenswood School.

cational or boys' schools. One girl described her move from a girls' grammar to an independent coeducational sixth form as a real test of motivation, akin to going to university. She loved the increased social life, the better facilities and the boarding school ethos but horrified her parents when she cas-ually said: "Of course, I will not get the A-level grades I would have got

had I stayed at my old school." So changing school or staying on is the dilemma. If you let your together that all the important points have been covered; the south-form years can be an exhilarating but safe step towards adult independence.

■ The author, a former headmistress, is an education and business adviser and

# A second place is still winning

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Hills Road was pipped to the summit of the college table by the 25.3 points averaged by 474 candidates at King Edward VI College in Stourbridge. West Midlands. Philip Eyles, Principal at Stourbridge, admits that the "Hills Road factor" had a part to play in his own success story. He joined King Edward VI four years ago from his post as Vice Principal at the Cambridge college. Both he and Colin Greenhalgh. Principal at Hills Road fourcede that there is an element of selectivity by both colleges, which gives them an ad-

leges, which gives them an advantage over other colleges.

King Edward VI is oversubscibed by 30 per cent and Hills Road stipulates that students must have Bs at GCSE for the A levels they want to study and relevant Cs for advanced GNVQs.

Mr Eyles says: The results are impressive because they are obtained by children in a metropolitan becough who generaly do not have the advantages of children in the shire counties. We are fed entirely by comprehensive schools and have then able to preserve a

Some people would say that we are too exam-orientated, but there is a huge amount of activity going m - for example, there are three olays this term. It is simply a

college where a lot is expected At Hills Road, Mr Greenhalgh says: There is a strong achievement culture here. People say we have got a good intake and we do have a lot of very hard-working and sparks."

committed students, but we have done a lot of work on added value. We add two full A-level grades per student on average. So someone who would have expected to get three Cs based on their GCSE results would get two Bs and a C

The 1,300 student college, founded in 1974, gives priority to young-sters from its immediate area. More than 90 per cent go on to university. However, students say Hills Road is about much more than academic success.

Abigail Clarke, 17, the secretary of the student council, says: "I think all the students are very aware of the Hills Road reputation but the pressure is not immense. There is very much a feeling that staff are on our side. They are all very approachable on any problems whether they are college-related

ills Road is in the middle of an ambitious building programme, financed by £1 million from its own reserves. £2 million from donors, including lottery money, and a matching grant of £3 million from the Purther Education Funding Council. The first phase, a £2 million sports centre available to the community in the evenings, has just

Both Hills Road and King Edward VI have large average class sizes. In Stourbridge, science classes can have 18 students and non-science 20. At Hills Road, the average is 17, but Mr Greenhalgh believes this has advantages.

"It is one reason we are regarded by the funding council and the Government as being very efficient as well as successful," he says. When I was in the south form, you had five or six people in small groups and you might be amazingly unlucky and find nobody there would sparkle. It could be quite dull, whereas with 17, you are always going to find some bright



Students at Hills Road: there is a strong achievement culture

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### Revealed: secret wish of the century's greatest scientist

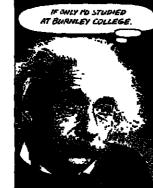
Ibert Einstein wishes A he nau gone to David in Burnley, David he had gone to college Charter writes. The century's most celebrated scientist helps to promote the Lancashire college in advertisements showing a thought balloon that reveals his inner desire to study there. Burnley's Einstein camraign, now in its third year, broke new ground in the way colleges used quirky advertising in an eye-catching way to win enrolments.

Tom Lemmon, its marketing manager, said: "For the first year we tried the campaign, colleagues inside the college were very unsure. But it seemed to get a big response outside because it was humorous. This year our research showed that the recognition factor was high, and the staff in the college are solidly behind it".

Burnley's lead was followed locally by other colleges using famous faces to sell them-selves. Advertising agencies say that colleges are the fastest growth market in education as they vie for students against each other and ambitious hool sixth forms. Colleges spend as much as £100,000 a hear in the battle to attract students, but some of the more aggressive marketing has fallfoul of the Advertising

andards Authority. In the summer, the Adverdising Standards Authority rdered Clarendon College in Nottingham to stop saying it was "the best general further education college in England". competitor, the Birmni and Creative Studies, relatimed that it was the best bollege in the country. But Clarendon stubbornly refused to withdraw its promotional material. The dispute centred on grades awarded by funding bouncil inspectors for various aspects of college provision, such as student guidance, gov-

## Einstein's theory of selling yourself



Burnley's advertisement

ernance and management, accommodation and staffing. Birmingham was awarded nine grade is and four grade 2s, while Clarendon received 11 grade is, six 2s and two 3s. They both averaged 1.5 for curriculum subjects.

Eddie McIntyre, the Birmingham Principal, says: "The governors, students and staff of the college had worked very hard to achieve the inspection result that showed that we are clearly, by any measure, the best college in the country, and we did not want that hard work undermined by a

usurper." Clarendon argued that the claim was made in only one of its leaflets and insisted Birmingham was a specialist institution, and not therefore comparable with a general further education college.

The authority disagreed and

longer say "According to the FEFC, Clarendon College is the best general FE college in England". But it allowed Clarendon to continue claiming it was "number one for students", because it felt the statement would be viewed as the opinion of the colleges, and not of inspectors.

To some outside the bitterly

competitive world of tertiary education, the dispute may seem an exercise in hairsplitting, but the colleges are dearly determined to fight their corners.

Earlier in the year, Warrington Collegiate Institute clashed with Wigan and Leigh College over local press adver-tisement which claimed: "Wigan and Leigh College definitely the right choice! Government inspectors make it official." It added: "The best college in the North West."

The authority upheld War-rington's complaint because readers might have thought the last statement was made by inspectors. It also pointed out that not all the colleges in the North West had been inspected at that time.

urnley envisages no such rancour with its Einstein campaign. This year it dressed the scientist in a Star Trek shirt and put the image on buses and beer mats, captioned: "I could have been Captain Kirk if I'd gone to Burnley College. Enrolments went up by II per cent.

There is beginning to be a big link between the image of Einstein and Burnley College," said Mr Lemmon. "We definitely have a higher profile because of it. It is also so silly that nobody in their right mind is going to complain. If it raises a smîle, you are getting your message across without saying 'We are the best college in the world or knocking the

## The question is, why do you need to pay?

Lucy Hodges on a pace-setting college without fees

discipline and academic suc-

cess of an old grammar school.

Students who come here want

to do well. They aspire to go to

university and 90 per cent do."

It is made clear to lower-

sixth-formers that they must

turn up by 8.45am and under-

take supervised private study.

That means they have to work

during some of their free

periods at the college and sign

a register to prove they are

doing so. "They get more work done that way," says Dr

Parents are kept informed of

their offspring's progress via

We have kept

the structure and

a problem arises, the college

hy pay school fees when you can send your offspring to a sixth-form college which is good, and free? Significant numbers of parents in north London answer by sending their sons and daughters to Woodhouse College, in Finchley.

Parents are happy, and the students like it because they are treated more as adults, they have the chance to mix with the opposite sex and they get high-class chat in the canteen.

"I am really enjoying it." says Libby Sallnow, who is in the lower sixth and came from a comprehensive school in Southgate. "It is really academic and has the most amazing social life. I have met so many people like me, with really similar interests."

A former grammar school. Woodhouse College, with its beautiful 18th-century building, retains the ethos of an academic institution. The A-level results have improved since its grammar school days and this year the pass rate was 93 per cent.

How does the college manage to compete so effectively with the private sector? The answer is that it selects more than half its 800 students from a wide range of independent and state schools all over north London and turns away several hundred applicants each year. It also gets rid of a few students who are not making the grade at the end of the first year. The Principal, Colin Wharton, says: "We have main-

tained the structure and

the academic success of an old grammar school' parent evenings and reports. If

does not hesitate to write home and involve mother and One reason the college is so popular with students, according to Dr Wharton, is that it offers a broader curriculum

than many conventional school sixth forms. Students can study the traditional academic subjects at A level, as well as psychology, design, business studies and accounts. They may also do a wide range of A/S levels, including philosophy, law, and information

Vocational courses — the diploma of vocational education and GNVQs — are pro-vided for 60 students who are not following the academic route and who come largely from the two feeder schools in the neighbourhood.

All students are carefully counselled, belonging to a tutor group led by a personal tutor who meets students daily and for an hour's tutorial once a week. The tutor's job is to get to know students well, give them general advice, help with individual problems and with

their work. Dr Wharton believes that this pastoral system is the key to the college's success.

His main regret is the college's physical condition. that money is tight. The science laboratories need up-grading and the library and study facilities are cramped. The students need a common room and the art room is inadequate. But there are plans for money to be raised for major rebuilding. The physical drawbacks do

not seem to deter parents. Basil Samuels, a parent governor, whose daughter, Laura, was previously at City of London School for Girls in the Barbican, says he is delighted with it. "Students." he says, "are so enthusiastic, despite the laboratories and the classrooms and the library." Not all students, however,

are universally admiring. One former student now at university was critical of some of the teaching. She claimed that it was more old-fashioned than it needed in be. ...

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## Liability for deceit of wrongdoer

Smith New Court Securities Ltd v Scrimgeour Vickers (Asset Management) Lid and

Before Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Mustill Lord Slynn of Hadley and Lord

[Speeches November 21]

Where deceit was practised by an intentional wrongdoer he was liable for the acrual damage which directly flowed from the fraudulent inducement without reference to the transaction date or any other date, and foreseesability of such damage was irrelevant.

Where the plaintiff was truly locked into the transaction and there was a sufficient causal link between the fraudulent inducement and the plaintiff's loss, he was to be compensated for all the actual loss suffered by him from the inducement, including all consequential losses, and such a loss was to be measured by comparing his position before the inducement with the position he was in because of his reliance on it.

The plaintiff had to give credit for any benefit he received, including the market value of the asset as at the date of acquisition. He was required to take reasonable steps to mitigate the loss on discovering the fraud.

The House of Lords so held in allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Smith New Court Securities Ltd. and dismissing a cross-appeal by the second defendant, Citibank the second defendant, Citibank NA, from a decision dated Feb-ruary 17, 1994 of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Rose and Lord Justice Hoffmann) (The Times March 8. 1994; [1994] I WLR 1271).

That court had allowed an appeal by Citibank from an order of Mr Justice Chadwick (The Times April 7, 1992; [1992] BCLC 1104) and varied the order by, inter alia, substituting £1,196,010, for £10,764,005 awarded by the judge

to Smith by way of damages On July 21, 1989 Mr Roberts, representative of Citibank, which was acting as broker for Scrimgeour Vickers, made fraudu-

in buying shares in Ferranti International Signal pk, a public company, Smith would be competing two other bidders: second, when invited to a meeting where Smith were aiming to make an offer, Mr Roberts wrongly stated that he would disclose the competing bids after Smith had made the bid and third, he mentioned that two other named companies had

Smith bought, for about £23 million, over 28 million shares in Ferranti for 82.25p each with a view to holding them as a market making risk and only selling them as and when an appropriate

By September 1989 it became known that Mr Guerin had practised fraud on Ferranti. That caused a slump in the value of Ferranti's shares. Between 1990 Smith sold the shares in small parcels for 49p to 30p per share. It only received nearly III million. Smith brought an action against Scrimgeour Vickers, to which Citbank was added as the second

defendant, for damages. The judge had found, dismissing the action against Scrimgeour Vickers that Smith was induced to enter into an agreement to buy the fraudulent representations made by Citibank's representative, Christopher Nigel Roberts. He decided that Smith was entitled to recover damages of £10,754,005. ether with interest from Citibank. That sum represented the difference between the price paid by Smith and the true value of the

Scrimgeour Vickers took no part Mr Jonathan Sumption. QC and Mr Anthony Mann, QC, for Cit-bank; Mr Anthony Grabiner, QC, Mr Ian Glick, QC and Mr John

BROWNE-WIL KINSON, agreeing with Lord Steyn, added that the law as laid down in cases decided at the end of the nineteenth century, usually in relation to shares purchased in reliance on a fraudulent prospec-

McCaughran for Smith.

tus, was that, where a fraudulent misrepresentation had induced the plaintiff to enter into a contract of purchase, the measure of damages was, in general, the difference between the contract price and the true open market value of the property purchased, valued as at the date of the contract of purchase: see Tiejeross v Grant ((1877) 2 CPD 469); Waddell v Blockey ((1877) 4 QBD 678); Peek v Derry

(1887) 37 ChD 541). In Clark v Urquhant([1930] AC 28, 67-68) Lord Atkin cast doubt on whether the measure of damages laid down in those cases was correct. Dayle v Olby (Ironmongers) Ltd ([1969] 2 QB 158) restated the law correctly and

rightly decided four points: First, that the measure of damages where a contract had been induced by fraudulent misrepresentation was reparation for the actual damage directly flowing from entering into the

Second, that in assessing such damages it was not an inflexible rule that the plaintiff must bring into account the value as at the transaction date of the asset

Third, damages for deceit were not limited to those which were reasonably foreseeable. Fourth, the damages recover able could include consequential loss suffered by reason of having acquired the asset

in the light of the modern authorities the nineteenth-century cases could no longer be treated as laying down a strict and inflexible rule. In many cases, even in deceit. it would be appropriate to value the asset acquired as at the transaction date if that truly reflected the value of what the nlaintiff had obtained.

In sum, the following principles payable where the plaintiff had been induced by a fraudulent misrepresentation to buy property: 1 The defendant was bound to make reparation for all the damage directly flowing from the 2 Although such damage need not have been foreseeable, it must

erts were established but not the first. Therefore, the essentials of transaction: 3 In assessing such damage, the plaintiff was entitled to recover by the tort of deceit were established. way of damages the full price paid

by him, but he must give credit for

any benefits which he had received

4 As a general rule, the benefits

received by him included the

market value of the property

acquired as at the date of ac-quisition but such general rule was

not to be inflexibly applied where

to do so would prevent him obtaining full compensation for

5 Although the circumstances in

apply could not be comprehe

which the general rule should not

sively stated, it would normally not

apply where either (a) the mis-

representation had continued to

operate after the date of the acquisition of the assent or (b) the

such that the plaintiff was, by reason of the fraud, locked into the

property. 6 In addition, the plaintiff was

entitled to recover consquential

losses caused by the transaction;

7 the plaintiff had to take all

reasonable steps to mitigate his loss once he had discovered the

LORD MUSTILL agreeing with Lord Steyn, added that not-withstanding the high authority of its source, the judgment of Lord Denning. Master of the Rolls, in

Dayle v Olby (Ironmongers) Ltd.

could not be regarded as an invariable guide to the assessment

of damages for fraudulent mis

representation. The appeal there was not fully argued by counsel. The judgments were not reserved

and did not sit very easily together

His Lordship suggested that in the future, when faced with situa-

tions such as the present, courts

would do well to be guided by the

seven propositions set out by Lord

Browne-Wilkinson in the latter part of his speech. The fourth and fifth of those were amply sufficient

by the judge ought to be upheld.

LORD STEYN said that on the

circumstances of the case

he wrong suffer

as a result of the transaction:

The judge had found ample evidence for the conclusion that in the absence of those representations Smith would have with-drawn from the transaction and that by buying the shares on a market making basis Smith was locked into the transaction because of the fraud.

An intentional wrongdoer was not entitled to the benefit of the reasonable foreseeability test of remoteness. He was to be held liable in respect of the actual ige directly flowing from the fraudulent inducement: per Lord Atkin in Clark v Urquhart. Doyle v Olby (Ironmongers) Ltd.

laid down the governing prin-ciples. In an action for deceit the plaintiff was not entitled to be npensated in accordance with the contractual measure of damage, that is, the benefit of the pargain measure. He was to be put into the

position he would have been in if no false representation had been made. The victim of fraud was entitled to compensation for all the actual loss directly flowing from the transaction induced by the wrongdoer. That included heads of

onsequential loss.
The legal measure was to compare the position of the plaintiff as it was before the fraudulent statement was made to him with his position as it became as a result of his reliance on the fraudulent

Clearly, here, Smith was truly locked into the transaction by reason of fraud perpetrated on it. The causative influence of the fraud was not significantly attenuated or diluted by other causative factors acting simultaneously with or subsequent to the fraud. There was a sufficient causal link between the fraud and Smith's loss. Smith's appeal on damages would be allowed and the judge's

Lord Keith and Lord Slynn Solicitors: Wilde Sapte: Ashurst

## Liability for structural works causing damage

Before Lord Justice Evans, Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Aldous

Judgment November 12) A building owner who undertook structural building works affecting a party wall without complying a party wall withhut complying with the London Building Acts (Amendment). Act; 1939, and thereby caused damage to adjoining property, was liable to the owners of the adjoining property for damages for musunce, including special damages including special damages including through loss of sale of the property.

The fact that the building owner subsequently complied with the And did not exprenate him from or reduce his liability for a pre-existing nuisance which continued thereafter, unless and until the works which created the missance were subsequently authorised by agreement or by surveyors under the statutory procedures.

The Court of Appeal so held in a recovered industry.

reserved judgment, dismissing an appeal by the defendant, Moham-med Sadiq, against the order of Judge Platt, at Shoredisch County Court on May 16, 1995, whereby he awarded the plaintiffs, Paul and Paula Louis, damages in respect of the defendant's musance, including £22,762 mortgage interest payable between November 1, 1988 and March 31, 1998 on the loss of their property. 79,000 French france increased costs of building a property in Guadaloups for the same period, £12,500 gen-eral damages and £1,500 damages for distress and inconvenience

Mrs Ann McAllister for the defendant Mr David Gerrey for

LORD JUSTICE EVANS said neighbours whose properties were divided by a party wall. Being in London, the properties were regu-lated by the London Building Acts ment) Act 1939.

The defendant owned 50 Jenner Road Stoke Newington, London, an end of terrace house. His neighbours at number 52 were the plaintiffs.

Early in the summer of 1988, the defendant told Mrs Louis that he wanted to buildly small further extension to the rear of his property. Mrs Louis said she had no ction and heard no more about

In August 1988 the defendant began demolition and reconstruction works involving the whole of his house, including demolition of the rear and front wall, which interfered with the party wall. Damage was caused to number \$2.

including cracks in its front wall. The plaintiffs issued a writ and nhtained an initunction restraining the defendant from carrying out any works of demolition of reconstruction until he had complied with the 1939 Act, The defendant had not given the

Before Lord Woolf, Master of the

Rolls, Lord Justice Millett and

Even if an adjudication of the Press

Complaints Commission could be challenged by way of judicial

review, such a course was not

appropriate where the decision concerned merely technical breaches of its Code of Practice

The Court of Appeal so held

dismissing an application by Ian Stewart-Brady, a convicted mur-

**Lord Justice Potter** 

**Judgment November 181** 

attempted to comply with its provisions. The statutory notice was given in December 1988 and the amorre's award was made on July 30, 1991.

Meanwhile, number 50 mained open to the elements with no front wall and a partly built. aged to shipport the roof. The injunction was lifted in December 1991. The defendant repaired the damage caused to number 52 at his own expense, and his property was completed by October 1992.

The plaintiffs had put the prop-erry an the market for sale in June 1988 and accepted an offer in August, but the valuers reported that solicitors should confirm that party wall notices were properly served and agreement obtained for

appropried plans.

Subsequency, the purchaser withdrew and the property remained unsold, it was doubtful whether it was saleable at any price until the repairs to it and the rebuilding of number 50 were completed in 1992.

completed in 1992.

The plaintiffs planned to move to Guadeloupe and on July 22, 1988 they purchased a building plot there. They re-mortgaged number 52, borrowing £65,000 in April 1988. The building costs in Guadeloupe were estimated in May 1988. as 689,428 FF, but by Febr 1995 those had risen to 985,500 FF.
The plaintiffs claimed special damages in respect of mortgage interest payable from the date when mumber 52 would have been sold, up to the date of trial. They also claimed special damages for the extra costs of building in Guadeloupe, and general damages for nuisance.

The defendant appealed against the awards of special damages.

Liability
The judge had held that the defendant's conduct between July missance. He found that the defendant's activities had encroached upon the plaintiffs' property and had caused physical damage to it. That could constitute a private nuisance in law for which dain-

ages were recoverable.
The defendant would not have been liable in misance if he had given notice, or obtained consent in accordance with the 1939 Act and then done no more than was agreed or was approved by the surveyors: see Major v Pork Line Co ((1866) 2 Eq 453). Standard Bank of British South America v Stokes ((1878) 9 ChD 68) and Setby v Whitbread & Co (1917) 1 KB 736).

But then, no damage would have been caused to the plaintiffs' house, save in the party wall itself, and in that respect no liability would have arisen. The issue whether the defen-dant's liability at common law was either excluded or reduced by the provisions of the Act which he

invoked, eventually, after the nui-

sance had arisen.

There was nothing in the Acr

Jurisdiction decision not apt on

technical breach of code

mon law rights were supplanted when the statute was invoked. which could have the effect of safeguarding the building owner from the common law liabilities when he complied with the statu-iory procedures, just as he might incur tiabilities under the Act which did not exist at common

law-see Standard Bank of British South America v Stokes. But if he committed an actionable nuisance without giving notice and without obtaining consent, he could not rely upon a statutory defence under procedures which

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he falled to comply with. If he did then give notice he would in due course acquire statutory authority for whatever works were approved or agreed, but that did not relieve him from liability for the continuing mui-sance which he had unlawfully committed, until such time as and to the extent that such authority was obtained. That conclusion was supported by Adams v Maryle-bone Borough Council [1907] 2 KB

in the present case, distinguishing it from Adam's case, it could not be said that the works which created the nuisance were s sequently authorised, whether by agreement or by surveyors under the statutory procedures. Without such justification, the

defendant had no defence to the claim for damages for the nuisance which he created in 1988 and which continued, on the judge's findings. Upjohn v Seymour Estates Ltd ((1938) 54 TLR 465) was directly in .

The judge found, and was entitled to hold, that the sale negotigted with a prospective purcha would have been concluded, even if the works were in progress, provided they were carried out lawfully under the Act. Undoubtedly it was the unainhorised and unlawful works which were the effective cause of the plaintiffs' failure to sell their house in 1988.

Remoteness it was sufficient that the defendant could reasonably foresee that the plaintiffs might be unable to sell their house because of the unlawful works which he carried out, at least until statutory au-thority was obtained and the plete, and that they might suffer financial loss in the form of a continued liability to pay mortgage interest on a loan or loans which would otherwise be repaid.

Moreover, the plaintiffs might have intended to build a new property, in this country or elsewhere, and increased building costs might have been the consequence of delay.

Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Aldous agreed Solicitors: Dowse & Co. Hack ney: Lawrence Brass Conway in-

## Exceptional order for costs against non-party

H. Leverton Ltd v Crawford Offshore (Exploration) Services Ltd (in liquidation) Before Mr Justice Garland

Hudgment October III Although exceptional, it was appropriate to order costs against a non-party where the non-party management of an action for an insolvent litigant, where the director financed the proceedings to a

substantial extent and improperly

caused the company to defend the claim and to prosecute a concocted Mr Justice Garland so held in Central Criminal Court, ordering Christopher Richard Crawford of 22 Gypsy Lane, Nunthorpe, Addlesbrough, Cleveland, to pay a proportion of the costs incurred on an indemnity basis, by the plaintiffs, H. Leverton Ltd, in their action against the defendant com-

(Exploration) Services Ltd, now in On July 30, Mr Justice Garland gave judgment for the plaintiffs against the company in the sum of £144,085 and ruled that the identity of the defendant company's solic-

Mr Stephen Rubin for the plaintills: Mr Alan Green for Mr

MR JUSTICE GARLAND said that following the judgment in the main action the plaintiffs sought orders for costs against Mr Crawford personally, although

they did not put him on notice, and against the defendant's solicitors, who were put on notice, under section 51 of the Supreme Court Act 1981, as substituted by section 4(1) of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990.

His Lordship had made an order for the plaintiffs' costs of the claim and counterclaim against the defendant company on an indemnity basis. That order would be worthless as the company was in liquidation.

The defendant company's solicitors, without any admission of liability had agreed to pay a substantial but confidential sum to the plaintiffs, but that sum, together with E35,000 deposited by Mr Crawford by way of security for costs, still left a shortfall of

Mr Crawford was not a party to the defendant company for all practical purposes. He was the sole decision-maker and kept the only records of the company produced on discovery and he gave evidence and was present throughout the hearing. Mr Crawford's connec-tion with the proceedings was so

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close that it was inconceivable that he would suffer any injustice.

The discretion given by section 51 of the Supreme Court Act 1981. substituted, was a general one, albeit exercised according to established principles, not subject to any Rules of the Supreme Court.

The principles were set out by Lord Justice Balcombe in Symphony Group plc v Hodgson [The Times May 4, 1993; [1994] QB 179, 192H-194D) as follows: l An order against a non-party was

exceptional and should be approached with caution. 2 It would be even more exceptional where the applicant for costs had a cause of action against the

non-party and could have joined him in the action. 3 Even if the applicant had good reason for not joining the non-party, he should be warned at the earliest opportunity of the inten-tion to seek an order so as to give

him the opportunity of applying to he inined as a party. His Lordship said that 4 and 5

6 Findings of fact in the action were prima facie admissible against a non-party and might only be adopted against him if his connec-tion with the original proceedings suffer any injustice by allowing

that exception to the general rule of Karanjia ([1993] 4 All ER 792) as admissibility.

8 The fact that an employee or an officer of a company gave evidence did not normally mean that the company was taking part in the

9 A judge should be alert to the possibility that an application against a non-party was motivated by resentment of an inability to recover costs against a legally aided litigant; perhaps one should also add an insolvent litigant.

Mr Rubin invited his Lordship to exercise his discretion in favour of the plaintiffs on the ground that Mr Crawford, apart from being intimately involved in the litigation from the start, had acted in bad faith by concerning false claims supported by forged docu-ments, making inadequate discov-ery which included the destruction giving untrue evidence.

He submitted that it was bad faith which brought the case within the exceptional category and relied on Lord Justice (at pp191F-192B) of decisions following Aiden Shipping Co Ltd v Interbulk Ltd (1986) AC 965).

#### illustrating the exceptional nature of the remedy. In addition, he submitted that the plaintiffs had clear causes of action against Mr Crawford who, therefore, should have been joined as a party. But his Lordship saw no obvious

grounds for joining Mr Crawford personally as a party. His Lordship was left in no doubt that this was an exceptional case where he should exercise his discretion under section 51 to order

a non-party to pay costs. Both criteria set out in Symphony Group (at pp191F-192B), were fulfilled: Mr Crawford had the management of the action for an insolvent company and improp-erly caused it both to defend the missing parts claim and to prosecute a concocted countercla Further, he financed the proceedings to a substantial extent.

Taking into account Mr Crawford's precarious financial the fact that the plaintiffs had made a substantial recovery and the sum denosited as security.

## Judge in charge of court proceedings

McDonald's Corporation and Another v Steel and

An appeal against the decision of a trial judge setting a date for closing ssions would not be allowed unless he had exercised his discretion so as to result in a denial of justice. In considering whether justice had been denied the court should bear in mind that the judge retained full power to control the action and deal with injustice

should it arise. The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Pill) so held on October 17 when dismissing an application for leave to appeal by the defendants, Helen Marie Steel and David Morris, from a decision of Mr Justice Bell on October 7, 1996 in the course of the libel action brought against them by McDonald's Corporation and McDonald's Restaurants Ltd.

derer and patient at Ashworth Special Hospital, by his next friend, Graham Kerr, for leave to LORD JUSTICE HIRST said LORD JUSTICE HIRST said the judge had ordered the defendants, who were appearing in person in the action, to begin their closing submissions on October 21. The defendants argued that to do so would create injustice because they were not ready, relying on Maousell v Keun [1928] 1 KB 645). If it became clear to the index in apply for judicial review of the decision of the PCC on September 27, 1995 that the publication of a If it became clear to the judge in the course of their submissions that some special difficulty had arisen for the defendants he still had the power to take appropriate

photograph of him in the special hospital taken by long-lens camera did not warrant censure under the Clause 4 of the Code of Practice provides: "Intrusions and in-quiries into an individual's private life ... including the use of longlens photography to take pictures

Ex parte Stewart-Brady generally acceptable and publica- contravention of the code, in tion can only be justified when in the public interest ... Private property is defined as ... those parts of a hospital ... where patients are treated or

Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Richard Clayton for the applicant: Mr. David Pannick, QC and Mr. Michael Fordham for the PCC. THE MASTER OF THE

ROLLS said that the application had arisen out of an article in The Sun to the effect that the applicant was being treated in a wholly inappropriate way given the seri-ous nature of his convictions. The applicant accepted that he could not complain about the article but he did complain about

of him standing by a window in the special hospital. It was at least arguable that the PCC was a body which was subject to judicial review. That point should not be determined on an

applicant had an arguable case that publication of the photo was a

the fact that it contained a substan-

application for leave. The question was whether the

particular clause 4 on privacy. It was important to remember the background to the case. The article had been justified because there was a public interest in how people with had committed such crimes were being treated. The question was whether an indistinct photo alongside the article changed that position. in his Lordship's judgment, the

commission had been emitted to come to the conclusion that if there had been any breach of the code it did not warrant censure. If there had been a breach, it was certainly not a serious breach or one which would have affected the applicant any more than if the newspaper had used a photograph from its library.

If the court did have jurisdictionover the commission, it was important that that jurisdiction should be reserved for clear rather than merely technical breaches deri the code. Accordingly, the application would be dismissed.

Lord Justice Millett gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Potter agreed. Solicitors: B. M. Birnberg & Co. Southwark: Sheridans.

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## Scots Law Report November 22 1996 Outer House

#### Risk of injury to constable at match too remote police the crowd. It was clear that

Another

Before Lord Johnston [Judgment October 9]

There was a foreseeable risk that a police constable watching the spec-tators at a football match would be injured by a player who was impelled off the pitch in the course of the game, but the risk was so small that a reasonable man would not guard against it. In any event, it would be unreasonable to require the proprietors of the football ground to erect a barrier between the players and the pitch-

Lord Johnston, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, absolving the Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police and the Airdriconians' Foot-ball Club of liability to mule reparation to Mrs Rachel Anne

Mr David Burns for the pursuer: Mr Michael Jones, QC and Mr Graeme Primmse for the chief constable: Mr Derek Emslie, QC and Mr Andrew Young for the LORD JOHNSTON said that

the pursuer, in the course of her

duties as a police screeant, had

been engaged in crowd control

Gillon v Chief Constable of duties at a football match when she Strathelyde Police and had suffered certain injuries, for which damages had been agreed at £215,000. The event had been recorded on

video and accordingly there was little dispute as to the precise circumstances. The enclosure had been separated from the pitch by a track approximately eight feet wide and a strip of turf to the byline approximately 30in wide. The pursuer had charge of 10 officers spaced around the track. She had patrolled the whole area. Immediately before the incident,

some trouble had occurred in a section of crowd, and the pursuer had sent two officers into the crowd to deal with it. While she was standing with her back to the pitch, watching that event unfold. a Celtic player, in endeavouring to control the ball, had departed from the pitch at a fast rate of speed, and had cannoned into the back of the pursuer with such force that she was propelled from her standing position at the pitch-side edge of the track right across it, and into the barrier at the bottom of the

The relevant general standing orders of the constabulary provided that one of the pursuer's duties had been not to be a spectator at the match, but to

neither the police nor the club had ever even addressed the question of whether there was any risk to stewards or police patrolling the track of collisions with players. There had been evidence from witnesses with considerable

experience of football that no such incidents could be recalled, apart from unspecific, hearsay evidence of an injury to a steward at Sunderland some 17 years ago, which his Lordship had The pursuer's case was that the

chief constable should have qualified the standing orders with a general warning to keep an eye on the pitch in the interests of their own safety, and that the club should have erected a barrier between the pitch and the track. In addressing the nature and quantification of the risk of such an

accident to the pursuer, his Lord-

ship had concluded that it had

been foreseeable, but sufficiently

small as not to warrant any precautions from a reasonable man addressing it. He did so having regard to the absence of previous incidents and the extraordinary concatenation of circumstances that led to this most unfortunate incident: namely, the

facts that the pursuer was looking

taking place involving her men: that the player came off the pitch at such speed out of control; and that he did so with sufficient force actually to cause injury. Even if the risk was generally identifiable, so that the precise

there had been evidence of a lack of any previous such incident across the whole spectrum of lootball. The literally thousands of hours police officers had to spend in positions similar to the pursuer rendered the risk so minimal that it could be ignored: see Boiton v

mechanisms need not be foreseen

Stone ([1951] AC 850, 869) per Lord Radeliffe His Lordship was equally of the view with regard to the first defender that a warning or instruction to officers to keep an eye on the pitch would not have made the slightest difference to the actual

That was both because of its mechanics, since it seemed highly unlikely that even if the pursuer had observed the player coming towards her she would have been able to get out of the way, but even more importantly because she would have been bound in terms of her duties to have been looking at the crowd at the time because of what was going on.

regard to the second defenders, the absence of any evidence that barriers were in use in similar circumstances: the risk of injury to the players that a .. barrier would present; the obstruc-tion of spectators' vision, and the possible consequences for crowd. behaviour; and the necessary gree-ence of gaps in any barrier in order to ensure crowd safety, all posted to the suggestion of a barrier being a precondition that it was not reasonable to demand.

If the issue of apportionment had arisen, his Lordship would-have divided the liability equally between the two defenders, a judgment he feared was somewhat arbitrary, but nevertheless exhib-ited at least a degree of logic.

On the whole matter, the pursu-

delenders: a conclusion that: his Lordship reached considerable for gret, since he had no doubt that she had sustained a genuine injury while carrying out conscientionsly her duties in accordance with the instructions, but the accident, the fortunate and tragic as it had been had to be regarded as such and the

Law agents: Macheth Currie & Co for Hughes Dowdall, Glassiers Simpson & Marwick, WS; Durges & Wilson, CS.



# Queen removes Dringes's name from prayers

THE QUEEN yesterday is-sued a royal warrant in which she removed the name of Diana, Princess of Wales from the prayers for the Royal Family used in Church of England services.

The Queen, Supreme Gov-ernor of the Church, has decreed that the words "Charles Prince of Wales" will replace the words "the Prince and Princess of Wales".

This returns the form of the church's official state prayers. set out in the 1980 Alternative Service Book, to what it was before the 1981 royal mar-

The Princess's name has already been removed from prayers said in the House of Commons. In synagogues, where prayers are said each Saturday for the Royal Family after the reading of the Torah. mention of the Princess was excised shortly after her divorce became final in August

is political correctness, where

Jesus tells his disciples to

become "fishers of men and

women" rather than just

men, has been published with

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those who do not like the

The Bible, which retains

the male gender for God, Jesus and demons but

changes other terms such as

"craftsmen" to "skilled work-

ers", has been revised to

ensure that women readers

do not feel excluded by its

Instead of "man does not

live by bread alone", Jesus

says. People do not live on bread alone. Workmen

have become "workers" and

words such as "maid" or

tional Version Bible, pub-

"girl" have been changed. However, the New Interna-

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language.



this year. Methodists and some Roman Catholics pray for the Queen and the Royal Family, but have never referred specifically to the Princess so the difficulty has not

The warrant has been issued at a time when many churchgoers believe that the Princess, and the Duchess of York. need the prayers of the

well-received, having been

given the endorsement of two

leading evangelicals in the Church of England.

Elaine Storkey, an adviser to the Archbishop of Canter-

bury, Dr George Carey, said: "This Bible faithfully

presents to us the biblical

texts, and makes it wonder-

fully accessible to a wider

than ever readership in our

Dr John Stott, rector emer-

itus of All Soul's church.

London, a leading evangeli-cal church, said: "The revis-

ers have done their work with

skill and sensitivity and with-

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Those who disagree, how-

ever: can get their money

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changing society."

itive style

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The Right Rev Gordon Bates, Bishop of Whitby, said: "When you get a breakdown of a marriage, there is no such thing as an innocent party. We actually need to pray for both sides of the family. However, although they still need our prayers, they do not need to be referred to by name. They are still part of the family. In fact, these prayers are very, very rarely used in most churches these days."

nation more than ever.

However, the Rev Stephen Trott, a member of the General Synod, said: "This is an automatic thing and there is no slight intended. It is just a routine tidying up. I don't think many of the clergy pray for the Princess of Wates anyway. And I don't think she is a regular churchgoer anyway, so she is not going to

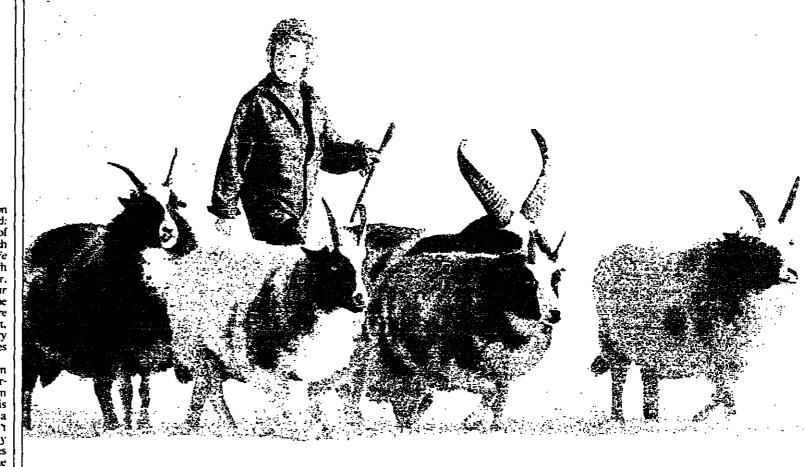
notice it very much."

According to a statement from Lambeth Palace, her name has been removed from the state prayers "as a necessary matter of form now that the marriage has ended."

The statement continued: "The Archbishops of Canterbury and York wish to stress that, although the Princess will no longer be singled out for special mention by name, she is of course included in the phrase and all the Royal Family', for whom prayers are provided in the church services. Clergy and other minis-ters, and their congregations, also remain free to single out any member of the Royal Family in their general

intercessions." Tory MP Sir Teddy Taylor last night described the decision as "cold and cruel". He said: "One of the sad features of public life is that the Princess of Wales, who makes an enormous contribution to so many worthwhile causes. gets so little sympathy in

return." Dame Jill Knight, Conservarive MP for Edgbaston, commented: "I feel strongly that she needs praying for very badly indeed."



Marion Leithead with some of her sheep, which she looks on as her bables: "I am very protective of them, which I can't imagine a man being"

## One woman and her sheep round up top title

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

A WOMAN has beaten 100 male competitors to win a coveted shepherd of the year award. Marjon Leithead, 50. was out as usual yesterday tending her flock of 50 Jacob sheep at Carvin, in the Borders region, despite hailstorms and a biting cold wind. Last week she was proclaimed the 1996 Borders Shep-

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more than 20 years.

Mrs Leithead. who combines shepherding with being managing director of a building contractors, said: My husband Frank and I never had children, so I look upon my sheep as my babies. I am very protective of them, which I can't imagine a man being. I'm not saying women make better shepherds but perhaps they are

herd of the Year, a male preserve for more motherly towards their flock." There is nothing more satisfying. she says, than seeing her sheep rushing to meet her as she delivers their feed before dawn on a freezing winter's morning. "It's not an easy life but I wouldn't swap it for the world. I start each day just after 5am, when I go out on my four-wheeled farm bike and check on them. I try to be at the office by 7am and spend a couple of

hours there before coming back to check on the sheep again. Then I go back to the office, spend my lunchtime at home checking on the sheep. go back to the office again after lunch, and, of course, check on the sheep again both before and after Frank and I have our tea." Mrs Leithead said that she never failed to be moved by the sight of a ewe with its

## Businessman accused of plot to kill Harvey Smith

By A STAFF REPORTER

A RACING noster who had a business feud with Harvey Smith, the former Olympic showjumper, planned to kill him with a crossbow, a court was told yesterday.

Magistrates at Keighley. west Yorkshire, were told that the threat by Peter Snowden, 50, came to light after he had complained to a fellow businessman of his difficult relationship with Mr Smith.

Heidi Standfast, for the prosecution, said that Mr Snowden, of Ingrow, near Keighley, had disclosed his desire to kill Mr Smith during a meeting with a man called Kevin MacDonald.

It was alleged that Mr MacDonald had been approached by Mr Snowden.

using an alias, to ask whether he wanted to buy shares in two racehorses. During the con-versation, Mr Snowden mentioned the crossbow and boasted of having been a crack shot when he was in the Army.

He is alleged to have told Mr MacDonald that he had been watching Mr Smith, who farms and trains horses on the moors above Bingley, in his day-to-day dealings. The jury was told that he said: "I would like to take Harvey Smith out. Just imagine, the man is driving down, the next thing he is dead."

Police arrested Mr Snowden in August after he was released from a six-month sentence for making malicious calls to a former business

partner. He is charged with making threats to kill Mr Smith and with obtaining property by deception. Steven Couch, for Mr Snowden, said his client had made his money from a racing telephone service and that his business would suffer if he were not

granted bail. He said that a High Court action against Mr Smith was imminent and that it would suit the former showjumping champion "down to the ground" if his client was returned to custody.

Mr Snowden, who did not enter a plea to the charges. was granted bail on condition that he does not contact Mr Smith or his wife and does not go within a mile of their home.



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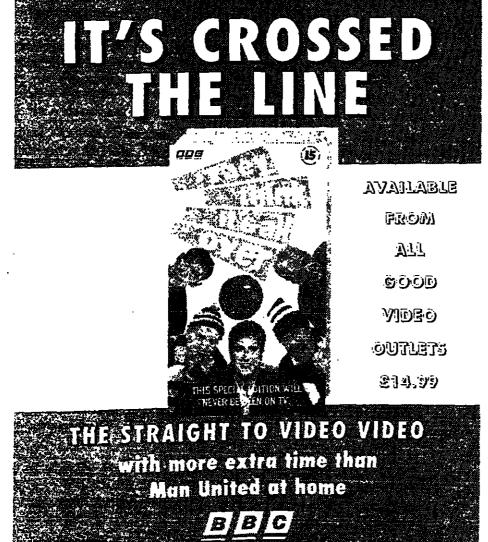
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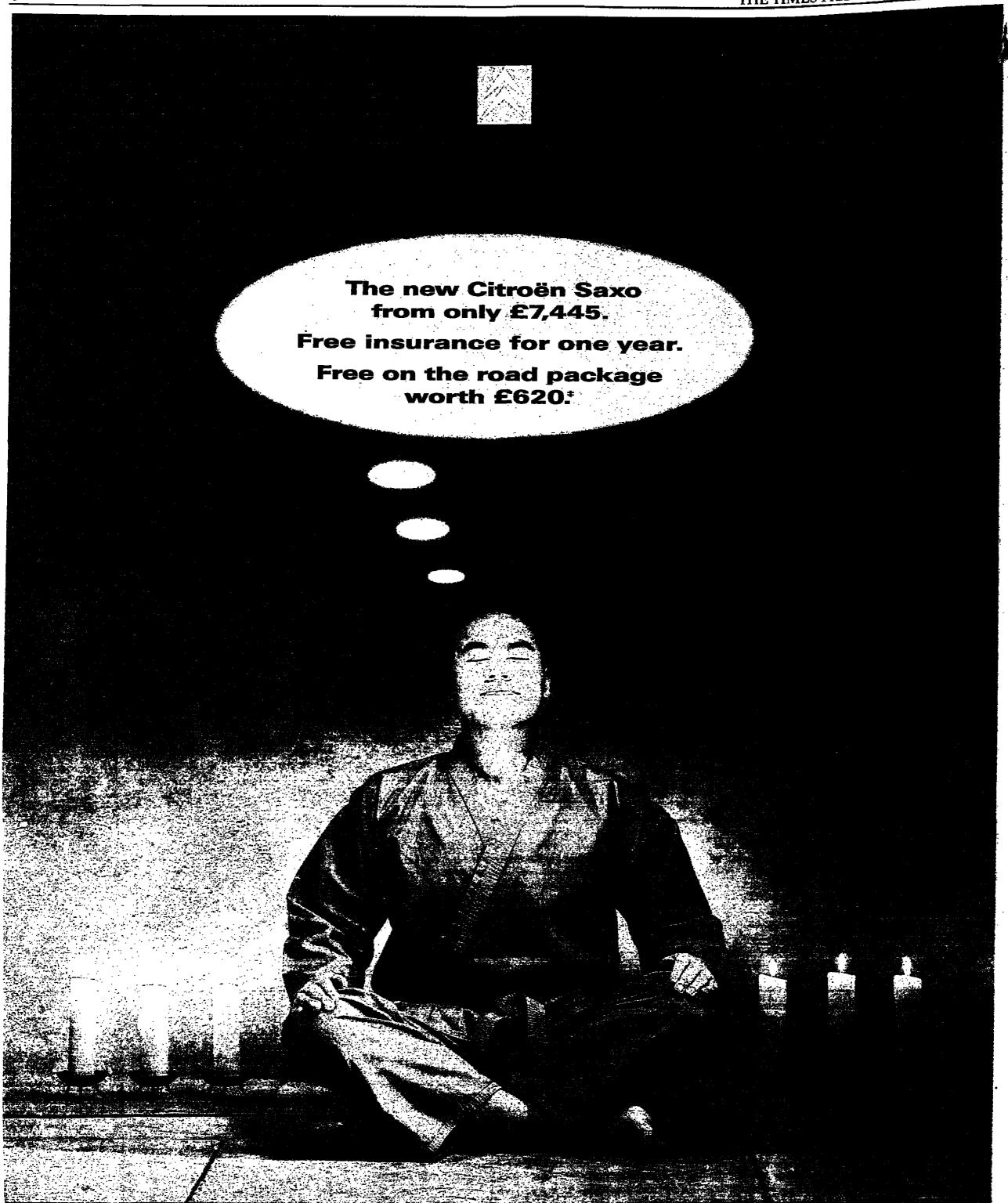
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day Business spent an overnight in Marylebone police station, after they Were caught marauding through London Zoo in the middle of the night. Anil Bhoyrul, acting edi-tor, was lucky enough to escape, after an army of police put an end to the boisterous fun. Charlie Carr, ringleader and head of advertising at the rag, led the drunken pack straight to the penguins. Curiously, this wasn't Carr's first midnight foray to the zoo. He once famously picked up a feath-ered friend and smuggled it back to his home in a blue holdall. Carr plopped it in his bath, fed it on fishfingers, then returned it to the zoo the next day.

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BARBARA ROCHE was made to feel most unwelcome at this week's small business conference in Birmingham. On her arrival, the Shadow Small Business Minister was harried into a nearby waiting room. Centrary to the conference billing, Roche did not appear on the platform with Richard Page, Small Business Minister, Instead,

at Page's request, she wasn't allowed on stage until he had been ushered out of a different entrance, ensuring their paths would not cross. Page's office de-nies that this was the reason. But Roche snarled: "Richard needn't have worried — I would have been very gentle with him."

Conversion due JOLLY John Antelifie is joining the dream team at almost three years as a director of Dewe Rogerson. I am told that this a marriage made in heaven Dewe Rogerson looks after Bristol & West, while Lowe Bell takes care of Bank of Ireland. Honest Antcliffe, still in the pay of his present employers, de-clined an invitation to party with his new colleagues this week. He tells me that he will wait until his contract starts on February 1. carnestly adding "I want to see the Woolwich conversion right through to the



"I started by pushing the wife's troiley around"

EVER wondered what happens to goods bought with stolen credit cards? From now, the repossesse tems will be donated to Gifts in Kind, the charity launched yesterday by the Prince of Wales.

Deferred

LONG faces at Fleming Investment Management after a Christmas shopping spree had to be cancelled An all-female team from Flemings was looking forward to an away day in Paris, entertaining women pension fund consultants on the Eurostar. But because of this week's tunnel trouble, next Tuesday's trip has been postponed. Instead, the canny ladies are saving their pennies for a new year sales sortie.

RAILTRACK and London Transport are selling their umbrella mountain to commuters today, to raise money for Children In Need, More than 1,000 lost property umbrellas mili be on sale at 14 stations around Britain.

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ANATOLE KALETSKY

# How to raise taxes by £5bn and win a fifth term in office

The Budget could leave Tories with

> £3bn of - election

sweeteners

ast week I argued that the best service that Kenneth Clarke could do for the country in the Budget next week would be to announce a tax increase of £5 billion. The task for this column is to propose a package of measures that could plausibly achieve this result. First, a word about public spending. As I noted last week, demand could also be restrained by reducing public spending, rather than merely restricting its rate of growth as Mr Clarke has proposed. In the long run, all kinds of substantial savings could doubtless be achieved. But those who insist that today's economic dilemmas can simply be resolved by cutting public spending must answer two major objections.

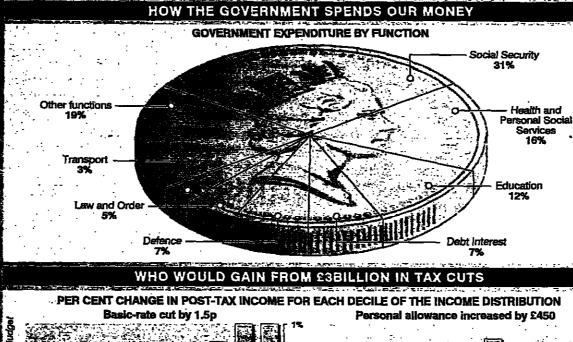
First, experience suggests that governments (especially Tory governments) understate public spending pressures in their Budgets (especially in pre-election Budgets). Whatever the Chancellor announces next week, the chances are that the out-turn will be higher. It would therefore be rash to rely on even more ambitious targets for administrative savings and wage restraint than the ones Mr Clarke has already set. Genuine cuts are bound to be particularly difficult before elections, because the great bulk of public money is not spent on subsidising scroungers or paying civil servants, but on very popular programmes (see top chart).

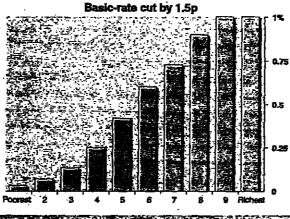
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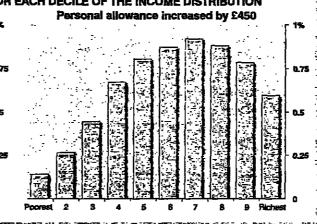
needs to be planned in long cycles; government programmes cannot be turned on and off like a tap. There may indeed be a strong case for long-term reforms in social security, child benefits and education financing, as well as for further cuts in defence spending. If such reforms could be implemented, large permanent tax cuts would be justified, but only when the savings were actually achieved. The key problem for the Budget next week, however, is to restrain demand in the next year, not in the next century. To do that would remaire immediate cuts in public spending — and it is hard to see where ministers could suddenly discover large overnight savings that Tory

governments have missed for the past 17 years. Without implying for a mo-ment that the Government should slacken its efforts to root out "waste, fraud and

abuse", the conclusion must be







that there is only one recourse. apart from raising interest rates, to restrain demand in the short-term. This is to increase taxes. A net tax increase of around £5 billion in next week's Budget would take enough demand out of the economy to remove any threat of inflation and obviate any further rise in interest rates. In fact, a fiscal tightening on this scale would probably allow interest rates to be reduced by a half point immediately and then to be pushed even lower, in Germany and France, if

How, then, could a government raise an extra £5 billion in taxes, in today's economic and political environment? Very easily". Here are a few modest proposals:

demand continued to slow.

☐ The present buoyancy of the housing market, combined with the possibility of cutting interest rates in a fiscally tough Budget offers an ideal opportunity to abolish mortgage interest relief at source (Miras). I have criticised past reductions in Miras in these columns on the grounds that the Government was kicking a weak housing market when it was already down: But economic policy is is all about timing: a measure that was dangerous when the economy was weak would be sensible when mortgage borrowing is booming and house prices are rising. Abolishing Miras would raise E3 billion annually. Yet this tax increase would almost painless if a tight

Budget were combined with a half-point reduction in interest rates. Miras is worth £315 a year to most homeowners. But a half-point cut in interest rates would reduce the cost of an average £55,000 mortgage by £275. The net cost to an average household would thus be £40 a year. This could be recouped through other measures, as suggested below.

I Two other large sources of tax revenue are crying out for

the Chancellor's attention. Profit-related pay (PRP) was a gimmick of Nigel Lawson's that was transformed almost immediately into a blatant taxavoidance scam that bore no relation to popular capitalism or risk-sharing by workers. Ending PRP would save £1.5 billion a year.

nother arcane area where reform could yield huge and immediate savings is Britain's unique and bizarre "imputation" system for taxing company dividends. This system, which is now under legal challenge by foreign multinational companies and investment institutions, effectively provides an additional subsidy for pension funds and personal equity plans, as well as creating a perverse incentive for British companies to distribute their profits through dividends rather than retaining them for investment. In 1993, Norman Lamont raised £1 billion annually by reducing the imputation rate from 25 to 20 per cent. Even without

abolishing the imputation sys-tem completely, the Chancellor could raise a further £1 billion annually simply by cutting the imputation rate to 15 per cent. Of course this money would have to come from somewhere. Tampering with imputation might push down share prices and would certainly reduce the actuarial surpluses of pension funds, forcing people to save slightly more for their retirement. But that is all the more reason to act now, when share prices are a bull market, pension funds are flush with cash and the booming economy makes it desirable to channel personal incomes into savings rather than consumption.

☐ Higher indirect taxes would add another £1.5 billion a year to my revenue-raising package. The first obvious area is insurance, where an increase in the premium tax from 2.5 per cent to the 5 per cent minimum VAT level in Europe would raise about E700 million. The second is motoring and environmental taxation. Despite Norman Lamont's courageous decision to raise petrol taxes by 5 per cent annually in real terms, Britain still has some of the world's lowest petrol prices and encourages the use of diesel, probably the most detrimental to health Considering Britain's high population density and the close correlation between traffic congestion and economic growth, a period of strong economic recovery would be the best possible

levies on landfills and industrial polluters. Such taxes could easily yield an addition-al £800 million. ☐ The final area for the Chan-

time to raise motoring tax-

ation, as well as to increase the

cellor's attention should be the North Sea. The Government's total revenues from oil and gas production has fallen to £1.5 billion from a 1984 peak of £12 billion. In 1981, when oil prices were high and it became apparent that the North Sea was more lightly taxed than comparable areas of production, Sir Geoffrey Howe introduced a supplementary petrolem duty to raise £2 billion a year. Today, with oil prices again approaching the levels of the mid-1980s, an increase of £1 billion in North Sea taxation would surely not be too much to demand.

Between them, the above measures would raise taxes by about £8 billion. Let us now suppose Mr Clarke wanted to earn some populist electionwinning headlines. He could remit £3 billion of these extra revenues by cutting the standard rate of tax and widening the 20p band. Alternatively, he could please the business community by introducing a lower rate of capital gains tax for long-term investment, a measure that might cost £500 million or so -- and still leave himself enough money to in-crease substantially the faxfree personal allowance or the threshold for national insurance, which would do more than any other measure to help the poor and help the

unemployed back into jobs. Such headline-grabbing tax cuts, along with a half-point cut in interest rates, would leave most voters no worse off than they were before the Budget. Meanwhile, the Treasury would enjoy a net tax increase of £5 billion. The economy would be protected from inflationary overheating. Industry would be saved from the overvalued pound. And the Tories might even deserve to win the election.

## Old habits die hard as French launch private pension debate

Employees may be reluctant to lose a state system, writes Adam Sage

fter five years of de-bate, hesitation and false-starts, French Government is to introduce private pension funds to a country that relies almost exclusively on its ailing social security system.

The proposal to create pension funds went before the French National Assembly yesterday, with the Socialists promising to oppose them and the Government determined that they should become law by January.

Despite fierce controversy over a project seen by unions as an attack on traditional state pensions, the Gaullist-led cabinet says that it is determined to push through a law that will pave the way for private pension schemes.

Not only will the propos als mark a radical change in the way the French plan for retirement, but they could also revolutionise the Paris stock market, which is smaller and weaker than its

main counterparts abroad. Alain Juppe the Prime Minister, said that the new schemes will target the country's 14 million private sector workers, who will obtain tax deductions against pay-ments made into the funds. On retirement, they should be given the option of receiv-

lump sum, M Juppé said. At present, only the selfemployed and civil servants can obtain such tax deductions, and they often have little interest in doing so given the generosity of statepensions for lower income groups. As a result, the private pensions industry is of marginal importance in France, catering for just over

500,000 people. Administered by insurance companies and mu-tuelles, the French equivalent of friendly societies, the new funds will function on an altogether different scale, acco the project's supporters.

They say that the market in private pensions will be worth between fr30 billion and fr50 billion in the short term, and far more in the longer term. The pension industry hopes that over the next 15 years, it can attract up to a third of the fr2,400 billion invested by the French in life insurance

If so, the more ambitious claims made on behalf of the French stock market could prove well founded. At present worth fr2,700 billion, and with about a third of its shares owned by non-French institutions. Bourse, and in its wake, the French economy, would be transformed by the injection of pension funds, enabling it compete with rivals

abroad analysts say.
One idea floated by the French administration is for pension schemes to be legally bound to invest 60 per cent of their funds in French or European shares.

Didier Maillard, director economic studies at Paribas Bank, said: "A country can only exist as an economic actor if it has important and organised shareholders." The pension funds will provide France with just that, as they have elsewhere, he hopes.

This, however, is by no means the only motive behind the Government's proposals. With the welfare deficit reaching fr51.6 billion this year, France can no longer afford generous state pensions under which employees on average incomes can expect to receive 80 per of their salaries.

According to Arnauld d'Yvoire, general-secretary of the Pensions' Observatory, a Paris-based quango set up to oversee the pensions system, such high lev-els could only be maintained if workers paid about 12 per cent of their earnings into the state's scheme unacceptable amount.

"At the moment, the only people who take a significant fall in earnings when they retire are the very high paid," he said. "But in the future, that situation is going to reach the middle classes and even the working classes. Without a miracle, the state pension is going to decline."

e is not however convinced that the new funds will be as successful as their supporters claim. Politically sensitive, proposals to boost the private pension industry have been floated several times by different governdecade but shelved on every

previous occasion. Observers say that the Prime Minister could be forced to limit tax deductìons and maintain an oblieation to make payments into the state pension system in order to ensure his proposals are politically accept-

Emmanuel Reynaud, a pensions expert at the Institute of Social and Economic Studies, based in Paris, said: "I'm not sure that French pension funds will be very successful. Those promoting the project hope it will make the Paris stock market more active. But for this to happen, employees will need to sign up and that will take a very long time."



Alain Juppé is hoping to offer tax incentives

### Retroactive windfall tax no better than legalised robbery

definitely retroactive in appli-Privatisation was hailed as From Mr Richard Thomas Sir, Surely there is an imporcation and therefore nothing tant principle at stake in the

current discussion about a windfall tax to be levied on the utility companies: in a democracy, the government may not impose retroactive legislation. If one were to do so, it would cross the threshold into totalitarianism. For many years I have been

made uneasy by successive chancellors' Budget speeches in which they announce cer-tain taxes which are to be increased with almost immediate effect. At that stage the Finance Bill has yet to be debated in Parliament let alone having received the Royal Assent and so become law. But Labour's proposed windfall tax would be quite

Better prepare for

From Mr Rainer Burchett Sir. Professor Marris in his

article last Friday is reminis-

cent of old generals who are

forever preparing for the next

war by planning to perfect the use of the weapons introduced

It seems improbable that

the very real problems identi-

fied by Professor Marris will

be permanently solved by a

rate of growth significantly

in the previous war.

a life of leisure

better than legalised robbery. An earlier Parliament refused to allow King Henry VII to antedate his reign to the day before Bosworth so he could indict King Richard III's adherents with treason. Will our next Parliament recognise their same moral obligation to Yours faithfully RICHARD THOMAS

18 Kings Avenue Woodford Green, Essex. Jobs claim wrong

losses are unjustified.

From Mr Roy Albinson Sir. It seems the assertions by the utilities (The Times, November 8) that this [windfall]

tax would involve further job

in productivity. For one thing, setting out on a path of, say 5

per cent p.a. growth will create

an investment boom which

may well increase the trend

rate of productivity growth.

One can also question wheth-

er, given ultimate limits on

raw materials and energy, an

ever growing economy is even

social theorists (and, God help

us, our politicians) ought to be

considering is what sort of

economic and social models

What our economists and

a great success for "cutting the fat", ie massive staffing cuts that improved efficiency and lowered costs. The statements already made that further job cuts would have to follow the tax mean that there is still at least some "fat" to cut - is this not good reason for increasing the proposed tax to achieve this cut? Why should an increase in efficiency suddenly become a bad thing? Particularly if the gain is distributed by way of tax revenue to the previous owners whose assets were sold so cheaply. Yours faithfully ROY ALBINSON Courtlands. Mayfield Lane,

above the long-term trend rise are appropriate to a world in which a small minority of the population. The main problems seem to be firstly establishing, and gaining general acceptance for, the principles and mechanisms for distribution of both work and income. and, secondly, educating the population, not so much for

work as for a life substantially

Wadhurst,

East Sussex.

or completely to be spent in leisure. Yours faithfully, RAINER BURCHETT. 29 Aldenham: Avenue, Radlett, Hertfordshire.

#### What's the point of a yo-yo pound?

From Mr Keith E. Hunter Sir, Roger Bootle (The Times, November 5) should know that one currency's revaluation is another's devaluation. During the whole of this year we have been advised that the mark and the franc were grossly overvalued. How then could any chancellor or European finance minister buck a market waiting for the right moment to achieve devalua-tion of the mark and the franc "by other means"? Those of us who have had to pay management charges to French property service companies in recent years have witnessed events in France that made the franc fort a nonsense.

We might wonder why British exporters need the status of the pound to be reduced to that of a rouble or a rupee, rather than rely on product quality, innovation and good aftersales service etc. Are we to be condemned for ever more to having a yo-yo currency? Yours faithfully, KEITH E. HUNTER, 39 Moorfield Road,

West Yorkshire.

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# Babcock halves payout despite modest advance

BABCOCK INTERNATION-AL, the engineering group, is halving its interim dividend payment despite a small recovery in first-half profits.

Benefits from restructuring helped the group to lift pre-tax profits to £2.7 million, against 2.2 million last time and a E19.3 million full-year loss at the end of 1995. Including a one-off gain, pre-tax profits for the six months to September rose to £4.4 million. Group sales have fallen to £319.7 million, from £393.7 million.

Babcock, which has had a chequered past few years, is cutting its interim dividend from 1.25p to 0.625p. It is to be paid as a foreign income dividend.

Nick Salmon, chief executive, said that the results marked a "a major tumaround from last year". Dr John Parker, chairman, said that the group's rehabilitation programme had been "tougher and more demanding" than

The group announced completion of the long drawn out negotiations over privatisation

of the Rosyth Royal Dockyard, which it has previously run under a management contract. Despite securing ownership of the dockyard, details of the deal are still under wraps. The cost is expected to be between £20 million and £30 The contribution from the

dockyard, which refits Royal Navy ships and submarines, together with an improved result from Railcare, helped to boost profits within Babcock's Facilities Management division. Operating profits rose 31 per cent to £7.54 million.

There was a marked turnaround in Babcock's materials due to restructuring within its German business, which moved back into profits. Within the division. however, the Wood Group showed a loss, which was blamed on "low order volumes and problems in completing several con-tracts". Wood is expected to

break even by full-time. The Process Engineering division incurred a loss of £2.08 million (£1.5 million operating profit), partly owing to the difficulty of winning new and substantial orders to replace work lost last year in Saudi Arabia

Babcock Environmental losses grew from EI.8 million to £2.4 million, while those at the Africa division were £1.8

Analysts are pencilling in profits of EIO million for the year end. Shares in Babcock moved up 6p to close at 69p.



Lee Portrioi, managing director, left, with Gitu Panjabi and Dan Nathanson, director of Barclays Global Investors

## BZW launches with-profit fund

is to capitalise on the growing demand for second-hand life policies with the launch of a

sell to financial intermediaries and private investors. The fund, to be known as ent life offices, policy terms, and maturity dates. Gitu Panjabi, business development manager of Baiclays Global

for subscription by the public. If the offer is oversubscribed, the shares will be distributed basis. The issue has been increased by five million shares to 25 million to meet

## Shares in NAB race to record

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE

SHARES in National Australia Bank (NAB) surged 27 cents to a record ASI-LIU yesterday after group profits exceeded A\$2 billion for the

first time. The bank, Australia's biggest and the owner of Yorkshire Bank, Clydesdale Bank, Northern Bank and National Irish Bank, unveiled a rise in operating profits from A\$1.97 billion to A\$2.10 billion (£1 billion) for the year to Septem-ber 1996. The UK contribution fell 4 per cent, to A\$403 million, largely as a result of problems at Yorkshire Bank. where bad and doubtful debis immed from A\$77 million to

Profits from NAB's Australian operations were flat, at A\$1.28 billion, held back too by a rise in bad and doubtful debts. The bank also announced plans to spend about A\$180 million buying back about 13 million of its own shares. The bank has made no secret of its desire to expand through acquisition. It is widely expected to be a player after the relaxation of restrictions on mergers and takeovers that is expected next year.

handling division, where last new fund (Marianne Curphey writes). It will invest in traded the BZW Endowment Fund Investors, said a total of 13.5 year's losses, of El.87 million, II, aims to raise up to £25 million, and to diversify the million shares would be were reversed, for a £985,000 with-profit endowment assurplaced and the balance of 11.5 profit. The result was largely

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#### BUSINESS FOUNDUP

## **Nursing Home Properties to grow**

NURSING HOME PROPERTIES, which specialises in the purchase and leaseback of nursing homes, said it plans to raise £100 million early next year to continue its expansion programme. The amount will be raised by selling existing leases to a special purpose vehicle, which will be owned by a charitable trust. The money will be used to build on Nursing Home Properties' portfolio, which comprises 34 nursing homes with almost 2,000

Nursing Home Properties reported pre-tax profits of El.14 million in the year to the end of September against a profit of £140,000 on turnover of £3.51 million, up 326 per cent. Earnings per share were 4.44p, up 91 per cent. A final dividend of 1.25p makes the total dividend 3.7p compared with 0.8p. The 18-month-old company is listed on the AIM market and intends to seek a London Stock Exchange listing next year.

## **Cash injection for Tops**

TOPS ESTATES, the town centre retail property specialist, is getting a £20 million cash injection from three institutions that are taking a half share in Tops's Leeds Shopping Plaza. The plaza is being transferred to a vehicle in which Orion-vink, Lothbury Property Trust and United Bank of Kuwait will subscribe for half the shares. The deal will reduce Tops's gearing from 170 per cent to 124 per cent. The £64 million plaza is undergoing a redesign. Its rental income is expected to increase from £4 million to £6.4 million over 18 months.

#### **Hiscox acquisition**

HISCOX, the insurance group, is seeking to buy out its subsidiary. Hiscox Underwriting, for about £3.2 million. Hiscox Underwriting sources business from the UK and mainland Europe which has not been traditionally offered to the Lloyd's market. During 1995, it introduced £27.5 million of gross written premium income to four Hiscox Syndicates. The deal is intended to raise the profile of Hiscox Underwriting's products, and end the requirement for payment of Lloyd's standard levies. The acquisition will be effective from January i.

## **Shield Diagnostics dips**

A SHARP decline in the sales of infectious disease testing equipment pushed Shield Diagnostics, the medical diagnostics company, into loss in the half year to the end of September. The Dundee company blamed the downturn on the decline in sales of its syphilis test and the German Government's retreat on its commitment to test all pregnant women for Chlamydia. Shield reported a pre-tax loss of £291,100 in the period, against a profit of £43,600 previously, on turnover that was flat at £2.73 million.

## Crowe capital vehicle

NEW LONDON CAPITAL, which provides underwriting capacity at Lloyd's of London, is investing £7.3 million in a new venture with Crowe Insurance Group to create a dedicated capital vehicle. New London will take an effective 55 per cent holding in Crowe Corporate Capital, which will have initial net assets of £9.3 million. Crowe Corporate will underwrite capacity for the 1997 year of £38 million across the six syndicates it manages. This will take 1997 underwriting capacity for the enlarged vehicle to £155 million.

## Bigger loss at Vocalis

VOCALIS, the speech technology company that reported its first interims yesterday, said sales in the half year to the end of September were slightly below expections but orders in the second half are gaining momentum. The lastest order comes from Folec Communications of Singapore, which will distribute Vocalis speech systems in the Asia-Pacific will distribute vocatis special systems in the Asia-racine region. The company, floated on the London Stock Exchange at 95p a share in July, reported a £853,000 pre-tax loss (£564,000 loss) on turnover of £629,000, up 153 per cent.

## Charterhouse float

CHARTERHOUSE Communications, publisher of What Mortgage and What Investment, is floating on the Alternative Investment Market with an estimated market capitalisation of E5 million. Just over 40 per cent of share capital will be available at 5p per share, with directors and managers holding the remaining shares. Turnover for 1996 was £3.7 million, compared to £2.8 million the previous year; profits were £665,000, up from £336,000.

## Chloride ready to buy

CHLORIDE, the electronics group, is to spend the £14.7 million it will gain from the closure of its pension fund on a bumper acquisition. Keith Hodgkinson; chief executive, said that after having severed its links with its battery-making roots two months ago, the company had decided to use the money to fund a sizeable buy. Chloride returned pre-tax profits of £4.79 million (£3.54 million) for the half year to September 30. An interim dividend of 0.18p (0.133p) is due on January 31.

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# Of Anthe times saturday november 16 1996 dama Rival schoolgirls run riot after fight over boyfriend

By KATHRYN KNIGHT AND LIN JENKINS

MORE than a hundred girls from rival schools ran riot in an affluent suburb, punching, biting and scratching each other after two girls had an argument over a boyfriend.

The teenagers from two schools in Wimbledon, southwest London, screamed and shouted as they launched into the melée outside the railway station after lessons on Thursday. About a hundred boys from local schools joined in to help their girlfriends in what one police officer called the biggest fight between schoolchildren that he had ever seen.

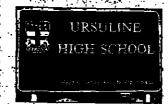
Extra police officers had to be drafted in to break up the brawl, which moved from Wimbledon station to the High Street. An elderly woman was hit with her walking stick and members of the public watched as girls. aged 12 to 14 fell to the ground as they fought. A 13-year-old girl said the argument had started over a local, muchdesired boy.

"One was going out with him and the other wanted him," she said. "The boy tried to stop the fight but ended up getting hit by the one of the girls. The two girls started having a go at each other and locals contacted police. Three all their mates piled in. Kids. boys were arrested but were were diving in to split it up but ended up getting into a fight

Girls from Ursuline High, a There were between two and convent school say they have three hundred schoolchildren long been the target of taunts and it was extremely intimi-



Rivalry between the schools began in 1982



Ricards in the local league table and there has been a history of rivalry ever has been a history of rivalry ever since a gang fight in 1982, also sparked by a disagreement over the affections of a boy.

Three years ago about 200 teenagers from the two schools

rampaged, ascend Wimble-don station, Police reinforce-ments had to be called in to quell the net This time, within minings, sours of pupils were ministed, with more thanking the time, sidelines. Police reinforcements arrived after bermused and shocked later released.

Wambledon police said: from papils at Ricards Lodge dating. They were extremely

a prearranged fight although we have no proof of that. The children revel, in their ano-nymity; they know that when the police arrive they do not know them."

One 15-year-old said the girls from Ricards liked to demonstrate how tough they were. They are always push-ing and shoving and shouting and swearing. They think they are so streetwise and we are just posh. We normally just

A woman who sells flowers at the station said she tad attended Pelham High School in Wimbledon, which has since closed. "Even in those days we used to fight the girls from Ricards. They have always had a reputation for fighting," she said.

A police source later dis-closed that police could have arrested many more pupils but they wanted to avoid inflaming the situation.
Yesterday afternoon about

half a dozen police officers stood sentry at the front of the station while others checked for signs of violence. Pupils from the two schools were marshalled by teachers and police who ushered them quickly on to their trains.

Head teachers from four schools, including Ursuline and Ricards Lodge, were also invited to a meeting with the Chief Inspector of Wimbledon Police yesterday to talk through the problems and see if the police could help. Mer-ton council said the incident was being investigated.

though it were quicksand, with his brother Christopher Mrs Chambers, 30, said that the identical twins, her daughter Samantha, 10, and stepdaughter Clare, 16, had been repeatedly warned to keep away from machinery and the grain storage area at the family's farm at Bagworth, Leicestershire. On the day of the accident in September, her husband Ivor, 39, had been harvesting while the twins were playing.
"I assumed they had gove into the garden or into the

terday how she tried to pull

one of her eight-year-old twin sons free as he sank to his

death in a pit of corn. Kim

Chambers wept as she told an inquest that Benjamin van-ished into the grain as

fields to play with the ducks and chickens," she said. "I usually give them ten min-"The pressure of the corn utes. I was on my way to go to see them when Christopher moving down was defeating met me at the door saying me. He just went down, Benjamin was trapped in the underneath. Christopher corn. I ran to the storage area stood at the side and I can



Mother tried in vain to

pluck boy from grain pit

to switch off the corn drier,

which was sucking the corn

down. But of course he didn't

Mrs Chambers eventually

know how to switch it off."

switched off the machine. "

ran back to the corn and

oushed my arm down, but he

had gone too far down for me

to find him. I just couldn't

find him." She dug her way

into the corn with her hand

until the the fire brigade

arrived, alerted by her

daughter. They recovered Benjamin 20 minutes later

but he was dead on arrival at

hospital. A post-mortem ex-amination showed that he

was suffocated by the grain. Brian Slater, a health and

safety inspector, said the drying grain had formed a vortex effect so strong that

even a grown man would have been unable to escape.

Good standards had been kept by the Chambers and

children were excellent. The

Mrs Chambers yesterday: dug down with her hands

and I could see Ben on top of the corn. He was about up to his thighs and was sinking. I climbed on to the corn and just grabbed hold of him and tried to pull him out, but I

safety arrangements for the inquest jury at Coalville, Leicestershire, returned a

## Move to keep bogus claimants out of court

Benefit fraudsters will be able to avoid prosecution by paying a 30 per cent penalty as well as returning illegally-claimed payments, Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, said, announcing the Social Security Administration Fraud Bill.

As part of measures to cut benefit fraud, anti-fraud officers are to have greater powers and tax records are to be used to check for false claims. Many of the 25,000 fraudsters expected to be caught are likely to be offered the chance to return illegal claims, together with the fine. This option, intended to reduce court costs, will not be offered to those who have also offended in the past or who have been involved in multiple fraud.

#### Yard to question Jackal

A Scotland Yard team has flown to Paris to interview Hich Ramirez Sanchez -- nicknamed Carlos the Jackal -- over a number of London incidents including the shooting of the Marks & Spencer president Edward Sieff. Sanchez, arrested in the Sudan two years ago, is awaiting trial for a series of incidents including the bombing of French trains.

#### Labour man charged with fraud

A former election agent of Peter Mandelson, the Labour MP for Hartlepool, has been charged with fraud. Bernard Carr. 42, former chair of the housing committee in Hartlepool and of the town's Labour Party, will face six counts of deception and one of attempted deception at the town's magistrates'

#### Death crash coach driver cleared

A driver whose coach crashed in the M5, killing a Royal Marine bandsman, was cleared of careless driving on the judge's instructions at Bristol Crown Court. Judge David Smith said there was a conflict of evidence as to whether the coach's brakes failed when William Mancey, 54, from Plymouth, was confronted by a jacknifed car and caravan.

#### Rape victim attacked on busy road

Drivers stuck in a traffic jam on Wandsworth Road, south London, ignored a 13-year-old boy struggling with an attacker who abducted and raped him, police said. The man involved in Thursday evening's attack was thought to be a vagrant. Detective Inspector Geoff Whitehouse said: "I would have expected someone to stop and help a struggling boy."

#### Passenger planes came too close

Investigators were trying to work out how a British Airways Boeing 767 with 180 passengers came close to an Air UK Fokker 100 aircraft with 77 passengers at 20,000 ft over southwest Scotland on Thursday evening. Air UK said: "There was no risk as constant visual contact was kept between them and they were at least one mile apart at all times."

#### Husband jailed for car shunt

Alan Foster, 43, was jailed for six months for ramming his wife's car off the road into a ditch. The incident had started with a row at their joint business at Whitby. North Yorkshire. Yvonne Foster, 53, drove off and her husband followed in his four-wheel drive car and rammed her car off the road. Teesside Crown Court rejected her plea for mercy for her husband.

#### Drink case judgment reserved

The High Court reserved judgment on a damages claim by Peter Baker, a television sales executive, against a company physician. The medical assessment of Mr Baker's drinking habits by Dr Georges Kaye led to his being turned down for a new job with NBC Europe. Deputy judge Robert Owen. QC. did not indicate when he would give judgment.

## Gay-service bishop condemns Church's 'obsession with sex'

THE Church of England bish-op who will preach at today's gay service at Southwark ca-thedral yesterday condenined the "obsession with sex" that was threatening to turn the issue into the most divisive

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practical ways in which Christians of all sexual persuasions within the church can co-exist

The service, condemned by one opponent as "celebrating 22 vers of gay ser on a recent 28 Capito a Thought for the Day has united traditionalists and Evanoriests, in opposi-

attempt to negate spiritually the effects of a service they believe is celebrating "evil

The Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr George Carey, has received dozens of protest letters and last week distanced himself from the service, organised to celebrate the 20th the man 40 charries anniversary of the Lesbian and Gay Christian and Gay Movement.



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## **Royal Yacht gets** ready to sail into Hong Kong sunset

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

in dry dock for a full maintenance check-up before embarking on her last and most historic journey. She sails to Hong Kong to take part in the official handover of the colony to China on June 30 next year. HM1 Britannia will play

the key role in the celebrations being planned by the Government in consultation with Buckingham Palace, before being decommissioned at the end of next year. After the handover, the Prince of Wales, Chris Patten, the last Governor of the colony, and Major-General Bryan Dutton, the last Commander British Forces Hong Kong, will leave

on board Britannia. A significant proportion of the Royal Navy will be close to shore or in the region. It is believed that Britannia's main escort will be the Broadsword class Type 22 frigate HMS

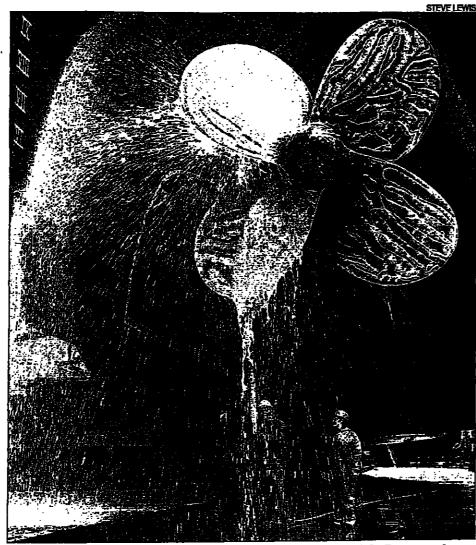
One of the two amphibious assault ships. HMS Intrepid and HMS Fearless, will also be deployed to Hong Kong to evacuate The Black Watch, the

THE Royal Yacht Britannia is last British Army regiment to serve in the colony. The regiment is due to take over from The Staffordshire Regiment on February 10 next year. A small number of Gurkhas still serving in the colony will also be evacuated. Other warships in the area will be the aircraft carrier HMS Illustrious and escort ships which by then will have completed a Far East deployment called Ocean

> Britannia will remain in dry dock having every part final voyage, which will be commanded by Commodore Anthony Morrow. A navy spokeswoman at Portsmouth said: "Britannia is having her annual, and last, maintenance.

After her visit to Hong Kong, Britannia will sail back to Portsmouth, arriving in August. She is expected to carry out routine royal duties in the latter part of the year. The yacht's future after decommissioning remains un-certain. Ministers have yet to

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One of Britannia's propellers being hosed down in dry dock in Portsmouth

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# Hospital calls halt to. operations not paid for by fundholders

SURGEONS at Norfolk and Norwich Hospital have been told not to carry out routine operations unless the patient's GP is a fundholder.

Some 450 people with "nonurgent" conditions have been put on a "suspended waiting list" until next April. Docu-ments leaked to The Times disclose that what East Norfolk Health Authority describes as "slowing the pace of work currently being under-taken" means bringing routine general surgery to a stop. An internal memorandum tells hospital staff to halt nonurgent treatments for people waiting since the start of the financial year. They include patients with hernias, varicose veins and skin cysts.

"Any patients who are in a routine category on the wait-ing list and were put there after the 23rd April 1996 will now be put on a suspended waiting list until the 31st March. 1997," says the memober 25, halfway through the financial year. In the past, health authorities have run out of money towards April.

A brief from Malcolm

Stamp, chief executive of Norfolk and Norwich Health Care NHS Trust, dated October 16. tells staff: The money the trust receives each year is-received from the contracts it secures with purchasers and GP fundholders - known as contract income. One of the main sources of contract income to the trust is East Norfolk Health Authority, which is now discussing with the trust ways of slowing the pace of work currently being

undertaken." The hospital serves a population of 500,000. Nearly half have fundholding GPs, who handle their own budgets and can buy operations from the NHS or private hospitals. The rest of the population have services bought for them by the health authority, which paid in bulk for 12,000 pa-

gery this year. Because of that figure is about to be

reached The NHS Trust Federation said this was an example of the crisis faced by the health service because of a cash

shortage this year. Jennifer Dixon, health policy analyst at the King's Fund, a research organisation, said was an example of the efficiency trap" created by the internal market. "If the hospital is super-efficient, if it does masses of operations very quickly, then your money runs out much more quickly," she

Hospitals are under orders from the Health Department to improve efficiency by performing 3 per cent more work for the same money each year. Commenting on the Norfolk situation, the department said: "They are not urgent cases and will receive treatment within 12 months."



## Co-op is no-man's land for Action Man

By Stephen Farrell

ACTION MAN found himself between Indiana Jones and up against an implacable new enemy yesterday: the Co-op. Amid concern over the effects of toy weapons, the store chain is ending the sale of 131 products which not only in-clude toy swords and Robin Hood archery sets, but also the £7.99 model which is Britain's sixth best-selling toys. Other shops such as s and Seuma banned toy guns and weapons, but neither has forbidden

Action Man. The decision comes as the latest 12in model, the lawman Crimebuster, is expected to feature prominently in the £1.59 billion Christmas toy market. The manufacturer Hasbro pointed out that the Co-op had less than I per cent of the market. A spokeswoman added: "The toy is no longer a military figure. The modern Action Man is a cross

James Bond. He is an adventure figure."

Action Man first invaded Britain 30 years ago. His tour of duty seemed to have expired when he was withdrawn in 1984, but he was called up again after eight years and now boasts an annual turnover of £48 million. There have been more than 350

STATIONS Geoff Harper, National Living Stores Executive for Cooperative Retail Services, said placed with educational and learning products in their 14

Living and CRS stores. He said: "In the light of Dunblane we have made a decision to stop selling toys which may be perceived to represent, or incite, violence. It is not political correctness. The society has always had a conscience."

Skinned Alive, Clubbed to Death, or Shot and Left to Die in Agony.

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Last spring over 268,000\* harp and hooded seals were killed in Canada. Next spring, some Canadians want to kill up to 400,000\*. About three quarters of these are likely to be baby seal pups. Days or weeks old. A cull of grey seals has also been recommended.

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Lord Gowrie leads the Arts Council into the brave new world of 'arts for everyone'



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In London's oldest cinema, Emily Lloyd joins the cast for Max Klapper, a 'play with film'



THEATRE 2

.. while the Nottingham Playhouse presents the belated British premiere of Lepage's Elsinore



■ THEATRE 3

... and the National offers Fair Ladies, a quirky insight into 18th-century Japanese drama

Richard Morrison on the Arts Council's bold decision to promote 'grassroots' projects with lottery funds

# Culture for all? Yes, it's official

f you always wanted to trans-form the kids hanging round your street corner into a wicked clog-dancing outfit, you will never get a better chance. If your neighbourhood needs freshening up with a few walls of legit graffiti, start spreading the paint. If your embryonic Oasis lacks only a pair of mind blowing loudspeakers, this is the moment to press your claim to fame. The Arts Council - hitherto a fairly staunch supporter of the "it don't mean a thing if it ain't professional" theory of subsidy - has suddenly gone

stark, staring populist.
Yesterday Lord Gowrie's bureaucrats unveiled Arts for Everyone a project which, in their new funky mood, they insist on abbreviating to "A4E". In the next year alone an estimated E20 million of lottery money will go to the scheme. The Arts Council is sending out 50,000 application forms and hoping that 10,000 groups will apply.

If that happens, it will signal a

massive expansion, a Big Bang, in state patronage of the arts. It may not quite mean arts for everyone. But it will certainly be hard to walk lown any high street without umping into somebody who has enefited from an Arts Council latery grant. To borrow a phrase, it

So how does "A4E" work? Well, tiere are two strands. Local groups applying for smaller grants — from £00 and £5,000 — will head for a nne-month pilot scheme called AE Express. This is radical stuff: nt Arts Council scrutiny of your aristic quality or accounts (you do't even need to be a properly costituted company); no long wait-insperiod; minimum red tape. "We cold be accused of subsidising lowquality art," admirs Caroline Leeh of the Arts Council. "But here we sel that the process of producing he art is almost as important

Applicants simply need to be backed by two independent referees. And, of course, to have a bright idea or using the grant. That idea has it meet at least one of Arts for Everyone's five guiding criteria: encouraging participation; getting young people involved; building new sudiences: supporting new



work; and developing skills. It is hard to think of a single leisure pursuit that wouldn't quality — but that is the point. The A4E Express pilot scheme (which will have two deadlines: January 31 and April 30) is designed to spread the lottery largesse as widely and — in the most positive sense - as indiscriminately as possible. Even the requirement for applicants to provide some "partnership funding" is sugared by Sir Cameron Mackintosh's decision to donate £100,000 a year for five years specifically for

ins purpose, Meanwhile the bigger scheme will give grants of up to £500,000 to more established groups. They will have to satisfy at least three of the

criteria listed above. The emphasis is firmly on developing new audiences or new-work.

Taken together, the Arts for Everyone projects represent a revo-lution in arts policy. First, lottery money is at last being openly used to fund people rather than buildings. Not before time, many would say. Admittedly, £20 million is mere pocket-money compared with the £350 million committed to the Greenwich Millennium Exhibition, or the £78 million going to the Royal Opera House development. But taken together with the "stabilisation fund" announced in the summer and the new scheme to provide grants for performing-arts

students. Arts for Everyone does

suggest a new flexibility in official thinking about how lottery money is spent.

Secondly, the A4E Express scheme, by its very nature, will be largely unpoliced. That is risky. Some of those grants will undoubtediy produce low-quality art, or even no-quality art. But the risk is worth taking. For too long the Arts Council has been perceived as a cosy support-agency for a comparatively narrow band of favoured professionals. If this scheme realises the potential of groups that do not fit into sophisticated metropolitan notions of "good taste" or "quality", so much the better.

There's never been anything quite like Arts for Everyone."

trumpeted the Arts Council yesterday. "It's intended to refresh the arts other funding schemes cannot reach..." For once, that boast seems justified. But it does beg a question: if Arts for Everyone is such a great idea, why has it taken the Arts Council 50 years to think of it? More specifically, why has this brilliant use of lottery money only been introduced now, two years

after the lottery was set up? Cynics will claim that Arts for Everyone has been instigated only after millions of pounds have already been lavished on Arts for Very Few People. They will also point to Labour's threats to overhaul lottery grants to the arts if they don't meet "the people's priorities".

Setting up a grassroots scheme like A4E Express could defuse complaints about too much lottery money going to a charmed circle of London culture palaces.

But however guestionable the motivation or tardy the initiative, Arts for Everyone should be welcomed. If 5,000 groups who have never been publicly funded suddenly receive the money to do something imaginative, a huge store of latent creative talent could be unlocked. And, with a bit of luck, the old charge of "elitism" that has dogged the Arts Council for half a century could finally be rebutted. ● Information packs about Arts for Everyone can be obtained by phoning 0990 100344

He called the Big Seven (the South Bank, ENO, National Theatre, RSC, Royal Opera, Royal Ballet and Birmingham Royal Ballet) "national assets to be nurtured and protected." Under his proposals the Arts Council of England would then devote itself to "developing grassroot enter-prises", and be moved out of London to "Middle England or a development area". It would keep no more than a dozen officers in a London office for "lobbying Government'.

At the same time the ten regional arts boards would be given powers to distribute lottery funds directly in their areas. "London decisionmaking - or even head office decision-making - is a concept banks and businesses left behind years ago." Lord Chadlington said. He also proposed that lottery

funds be used to provide: • all 16-year-old schoolchildren with a "swipe card" — the Lottery Arts Card — that would allow them to make five free visits to theatres. concert halls, opera houses, galleries or museums;

a national "bank" of musical instruments to be freely available on loan to children learning instruments in schools;

• a dedicated national arts television channel which would transmit performances from the national companies as well as documentaries, educational programmes and archive material. This would "transform the way people see the lottery's contribu-

tion to society".

Lord Chadlington also called for the establishment of a "National Endowment for Science and Technology in the Arts", which would encourage — by tax incentives or matching grants - successful artists to vest some of their copyrights in a central fund. The royalties would then be used to support young artists. "The stars and bestsellers of today could help bring forward the stars and bestsellers of

THEATRE: David Farr pays tribute to cinema through his 'play with film'; plus an unlikely Japanese hit, and Lepage's multimedia extravaganza

FOR A time, I expected an awful ersatz evening in Mika-

do-era Japan. The programme

told me that Fair Ladies was

recreate in "unrhyming pen-

tameters" a puppet play by the

18th-century dramatist Chika-

matsu. The well of the

Cottesloe (in its narrow, open-

Samurai swords and scowls.

The first speaking characters

were the Moon, a lady in a

white gown, and the Titmouse, a

small boy inscru-

tably carrying a birdcage. "Blood

Wedding meets

Beatrix Potter.

muttered the

friend behind

## Celebration without fizz

REPUTEDLY Britain's first purpose-built cinema, the Electric housed live perfor-mances from its beginning. though back in 1910 this was only the squint-eyed pianist adjusting the speed of his fingers to the hurthing chariots of the first Quo Vadis?. For live actors you would have had to go down to the theatres of Shepherds Bush, or nowadays up the Purtobello Road to the Gare at Notting Hill. It is the Gate that is current-

lybreathing a sort of life into the Electric, to celebrate the first hundred years of moving pertures with a show that embines play and film. But the excerpts from a film pur-pring to be a 1948 Hollyveod epic, directed by Ben Hopkins, add little to the unfolding drama, and while the sequence of screen tests is anusing, the famous direcor's memory of a 1914 silent. though neatly pastiched (Hop-kins again), identifies the leart of his mystery in a manner obscure enough to nake Citizen Kane seem a lanal narrative exercise.

David Farr's play with firm imagines an edded Gernan director of the Pritz Lang

Max Klapper — A Life in Pictures Electric Cinema, WII

his eyes in despair: now he will create his revenge. gins makes Klapper look and

Klapper's obsession. · Farr's production contains

His secret gradually emerges through a fairly familiar tale of dictatorial genius battling with philistine producer (nice performance by Jim Dunk). Anthony Higsound an entirely credible figure, obsessed, uncompromising. But though many a film director has played God, I never believed in the power of

though Emily Lloyd, in her first stage role, is hard to hear when her voice drops. Tracy Letts, better known over here as the author of the murderous Killer Joe, plays her costar, more persuasive in the 1914 pastiche than in the 1940s Oscar-winner, Samantha Holland is splendid as the crystalvoiced PA with her own secret.

In fairness to Farr's enterprise there is one moment that could only be shown effectively by using film, when Klapper walks over to the screen, like Noel Coward in The Italian Job, and finds what he wants in an unintended detail. But as a whole, the show is never the celebration of cinema I had hoped for.

JEREMY KINGSTON



A Forties star is botte Emily Lloyd and Anthony Higgins

## Nasty oriental business

Peter Oswald's attempt to faults as letting a bird out of a cage, rejoice when their master is kind enough personally to behead them, and, of course, regard the very thought of disobedience with plan mode for the occasion) began to fill with British actors wearing plaits, gowns, moral horror. And the same rigidity extends from the human to the divine. Fail to disembowel yourself on cue, and you may be reincarnated

not even as a spider, but as a

Part of the

point seems to be that such a world

is peculiarly vul-

nerable to an

lago, and it gets

a splendidly nas-

Fair Ladies at a Game of Poem Cards Cottesloe

ty, devious one in the form of David Haig's Morotaka, war-den of the Empress's maids of We were mostly wrong. This is one of the National's more improbable raids on the honour. He is keen to behead world's dramatic archives, but any erring Samurai, especially the one found in the woods also one of its more rewarding. Though Oswald's unwith a girl who has caught his hubricious eye. Before long he is telling both the Empress (Olwen Fouere) and her lord rhyming pentameters can veer disconcertingly from the lapi-dary to the feathery, he has a strong story to tell and a fascinatingly odd world to evoke. Think of Victorian Enghigh brother (Colin McFarlane) that the other has ordered the execution of folland, Golden-Age Spain, Neolowers they regard as friends. Classical France — but no, each seems like laid-back Caliand children. The conse-quences go on a bit long, but fornia beside the fiercely honthey involve plots, tricks, sepaourable and hierarchical rations, wanderings, reconcili-Japan that the authors are ations and the other trappings describing.
This is a world in which of romantic folk-tales. Eastern

or Western. The characters variously come out with pastiche proverbs ("a daisy on the ground is right to mock the poppy in the

through his movements -- the cross of a leg denotes quite clearly the difference between Gertrude and Claudius. Lepage is wonderfully still and composed in these switches. At the same time, all the characters are imbued with the same languid serenity, sinister in Claudius, endearing in Ophelia and melancholy in Hamlet, but ultimately suggesting that all of them are projections in Hamlet's own head. We are seeing the play through his eyes.

If Elsinore loses in emotion what it gains in theatrical ingenuity, Lepage acknowledges and intellectually justifies that fact. His thesis is that at the heart of Hamlet's moral crisis is a lack of passion. At every moment instinctual action caves in to analysis and

CLARE BAYLEY

magpie's beak"), airy rhetoric ("life is a dream but in the

have given rein to fragmentalotus flower reality begins" resolved in the spirit of an and contemporary plod ("we Empress who tempers justice

with affection and, surprisingly, even a little flexibility. If I came to shrug, I left John Crowley's resourceful production to applaud.

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**CHANGING TIME** 

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upe, even down to the black evenatch. Max Klapper is boking for the actress of his treams, physically like the silent star who played oppisite him when he himself was in actor. Back in 1914 he lost he girl to the other man, and teemingly struck out one of **宇宙大学研究等** AFTER an abortive attempt at the Edinburgh Festival, the British pre-miere of Robert Lepage's one-man meditation on Hamlet finally happened in Nottingham on Wednesday. it is titled Elsinore to emphasise that it is not the whole play, and Lepage

> studies artists undertake before embarking on the painting The infamous technology, which prevented the Edinburgh opening. onsists of a combination of screens, projections, and a central panel that can be vertical or horizontal and which has a circular revolve and an oblong opening within it. It can become the forbidding walls of the castle, a library, a casement window, a rooftop, or the deck of a ship. The set which is sometimes distracting. But

likens the project to the preliminary

## Shakespeare in a spin

on a second viewing, the technology was less himding and it was possible to concentrate on the thought behind it.

Although Lepage has had great fun with this piece, he is never trivial, and the work operates on

several levels. And you cannot deny that it is a technical feat. Quite apart from the screens, revolves and bydraulies, it takes some discipline for one man to play six or more male and two female characters, while also evoking the full

cast. The more so when that solitary

actor is a French-Canadian. After

much coaching Lepage has made

Elsinore Nottingham Playhouse

real

great strides, but there is no mistaking how alien these rhythms are to a French speaker, and neither diction nor voice projection is Lepage's finest skill. To compensate, and to create

voice changes, Lepage uses a micro-phone, which sometimes makes it even harder to hear him. Elsinore is, unexpectedly, one of Lepage's most lighthearted pieces, a sort of Shakespearean Kind Hearts and Coronets, where much of the enjoyment comes from seeing how he

transforms himself. He does use false

beards, crowns and dresses, but the

personality changes come

Samurai ferociously quarrel about whether they belong to

grade four or five, are happy to commit suicide for such

intellectualising. So it is with Elsinore.



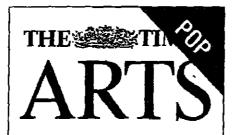
📰 POP I

Def Leppard proved to the Dublin crowd only that their best years are behind them



POP 2

. and the support band, Terrorvision. never turned up - but they did send their T-shirts





POP 3

Michelle Shocked celebrates her 'anti-slavery' victory over her former record company



POP 4 :

For that authentic 'morning after' lyricism, give me the Aloof every time, says Caitlin Moran

## Dog-eared cats

"DON'T forget us, and we won't forget you." Joe Ellion told the audience at the Point towards the end of Del Leppard's first Dublin show in four years. Sadly, the words seemed more like a desperate plea than a vow of solidarity. and contained the painful truth about the veteran soft-metal gurus: their best years are behind them.

But at least they turned up. The atrocious weather pre-vented the scheduled band, support Terrorvision. making it - but, bizarrely, their T-

shirts were still on sale in the foyer. Def Leppard's professed desire to be taken as seriously as the likes of R.E.M. and U2 cannot be countenanced until they earn rather than simply demand credibility. Appearing in standard rock n roll garb — black leather trousers, a white vest and, er, a cardigan -Elliott exhumed one staid stadium rock cliche after another without ever looking to breathe new life into

We're here to rock your asses off," he announced at one point, completely devoid of irony, and

before long he was off punching the air again while yet another choreographed guitar solo took shape in

front of the Marshall amps.

Even if we accept the limitations of this traditionalist approach - as the band itself do, all too readily there's still no getting away from the fact that their audience increasingly does not. A sparse attendance inevitably resulted in a devastating lack of

Def Leppard atmosphere, and it was always going to Dublin be an uphill struggle to whip up the necessary frenzy. An acoustic interlude of more than one song would have

been advisable.

That said, the crowd was appreciative of the group's efforts. Newer material from the recent Slang album was given an airing, but inevitably it was the bankable hits such as Animal, Photograph and Armageddon It that were most rousingly performed. After a gutsy Pour Some Sugar On Me. the calls for an encore were heartfelt. But, to be brutally honest, this was an all-

NICK KELLY

## Marginal response

ONE of Britain's most cultured singer-songwriters returns to London and the Jazz Cafe is markedly under-attended for the occasion. One hardly knows whether to smile at the opportunity to catch up with Clive Gregson or

In fine form whatever the turnout. Clive Gregson Gregson himself has Jazz Cafe, NWI gone for the former

option. A veteran of the post-punk music scene of the late Seventies with his rock group Any Trouble, he spent the Eighties reshaping himself into a respected. folk-inclining acoustic performer.

He now resides in Nashville, and it is tempting to say that it was this country's marginalisation of such artists that drove him away. His return for a 19-date solo tour marks the release of his latest album for Demon, I Love This Town, another cluster of poignant commentaries on love and loss. The album was the framework for

a warming evening, with upbeat pieces of rock n'roll whimsy such as Geography and Secondhand Car conveyed just as well on acoustic guitar as the delicate and lovelorn Things 1 Didn't Do and Ramshackle Road. Gregson's unforced, self-effacing humour was

working well too, as he introduced the new album's Love Casts A Long Shadow as "a song I wrote for The ago". A cover of Take That's Back For Good was an unexpected

pleasure, as was Fred Astaire, one of a number of new Gregson songs. And for those of us who fought in the power-pop wars in the Eighties, it was a delight to hear him disinter Any Trouble's All The Time in the World, and, as encores. Touch and Go and their old rallying call. Open Fire. He may work in the margins, but Gregson's contribution continues to fill the page.

PAUL SEXTON

Where has Michelle Shocked been lately? Playing star wars, she tells Nigel Williamson

# Look who's back in charge



corporate and the music industry. Few such struggles, however, have been more bitter than the one involving Michelle Shocked. For almost four years, Mercury, the company to which the American singer was con-tracted, refused even to speak to her. Then she issued a law suit citing the 13th amendment to the American Constitution, the one which abolished "slavery and involuntary servitude". Shocked has just won both the case and complete control over her career and artistic direction.

"People might say I'm diffi-cult, but did you ever hear anyone describe a label as difficult?" she says. "By nature, artists should challenge When they call you difficult it is a reflection of the imbalance of power.

"The corporate culture is based on intimidation. They had very narrow expectations of what I should do. It never occurred to me that business people and lawyers could try

to define art."

After releasing three successful albums of witty, intelligent songs between 1988 and 1992, songs that drew deeply on the folk traditions of American music, Shocked decided she wanted to do something different. "Actually 1 planned to have a nervous breakdown and from the ashes of that find my true voice," she says. "Then I proposed a funky rhythm and dues album."

The record company president asked for an acoustic album. Shocked refused; her existing contract purportedly gave her control over artistic content. Compromises were made, Shocked submitted a modified proposal and was all ready to record a new album in late 1992 - when she was told that the studio would not allow her in. The record company was still not happy and would not pay for the studio time. She was effectively being prevented from recording, but at the same time the company would not allow her to sign for anyone else.

She spent the next three years touring — "keeping in touch with my audience" and then her lawyers hit upon the idea of using the antislavery amendment. Shocked employed Leigh Steinberg, one of the biggest names in

> 6 I could call this the victory tour 9

American law who had helped to bring about the free agency of sports stars. The case potentially had huge repercussions and other labels started telling Mercury that it could not be allowed to reach court. In the settlement Shocked was freed and has signed to a more sympathetic

The result is a staggeringly fine new album, Kind Heart-ed Woman, full of desperately moving songs about hardluck characters from the American backwoods. Several reviewers have described it as bleak, but they have missed the point. True, the stories are often harrowing about a stillborn child, a hitand-run killing, a boy who watches his father struck by lightning. But, in the best Steinbeck tradition of American story-telling. Shocked's empathy for these characters

means that the songs become a celebration of the human nary qualities of ordinary people when put under al-most intolerable pressure. "There's a very frail human being telling these stories and there are melodramatic meta-phors to talk about my own frustration," she says.

Shocked, a name she adopted when she ran away from her Mormon parents at 15. refuses to exult over her legal success. "I could call this the victory tour and pose as the David who conquered Goliath. But that is not what the heart and the soul are about. Now I'm free I just want to

move on."
She thinks, however, that her case means "a sea change" in which artists ev-erywhere are going to de-mand greater control over their intellectual property. Shocked is not only mag-

nanimous in victory, but artistic freedom has made her more relaxed about other areas of her life. She still burns with integrity, but can now talk about her strange upbringing more openly than for years. She admits that she still has not come to terms with being raised by "a wild bunch of Mormons", but is at an age where she is thinking about having children herself. "That means for the first time I can understand the viewpoint of the 15-year-old girl I was and that of my mother who was 34 when I left. Having kids means you have a little bit of spiritual real estate, you've invested it the destiny of the planet."

At this rate she might evel have to change her name again - although Michele Mellowed doesn't have quie the same ring.

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#### Tail-end to xhausted, bittersweet regret is one of the most evocative moods that music can follow: informed by the previous high, but sump-tuously dark and rich from the a mad night subsequent low. The Aloof are masters of this wasted gran-deur. Their second album, Sinking. makes Screamadelica by Primal Scream sound as if it was recorded in

feel sad or sick, but afterwards you feel very alive," Dean enthuses. "And minor-chord records are intensely personal." Ricky puts in. "You can't really share a hugely sad record with anyone else. It has to be just you, your head-phones and the 'Re-

dog got dragged into the fun.
Dean explains: The dog had one end of the bone, and I Night Stand, demands that had the other end in my you listen to it alone, strapped mouth. I was just playing with him. He looked so friendly into headphones and hunched over the "Repeat" button all night. It brings to mind the

and cuddly." "It was an alsatian," Ricky adds, "but it seemed to like

mono by monks. It's the music

of people who make a night

out last a week, and spend the

following week in recovery.

Their reputation precedes them like a "Parental Warn-

ing" sticker on a CD: tour

buses end in ditches, quiet Swedish chalets are turned

into booming, strobe-lit dens

of iniquity, and last night a

The Aloof's references are as wide and ranging as their music: sitting in no particular genre, they mash dub, blues, dance half, techno and drama into a queasily moreish brew that's imbued with Cinema-Scopic regret. Their last year was spent in "research".

They listened to the last Spiritualized LP a lot. Jagz says, sipping on his orange juice. "Colourbox. Chi-Lites. The Specials. The soundtrack to Last of the Mohicans. Loads of dub. Touring with Spiritualized gets you into that circular. mantra-ish way of thinking building up lavers until things get double-strong. Our last LP was more disjointed - there was a big break between recording each half, and we changed our sound a lot in the

"Also, the lyrics were politically based on the last album." Ricky says. "A lot of the dance music around at that time was 'We're so happy, we're all dancing', and we reacted against that?

But this album is much more personal." Dean says. And the tracks flow into each other really well. The sound is more cohesive."

"It's like a soundtrack to the tail-end of the maddest night ever. Ricky puts in And there's a lot of minor chords." "Minor chords are fantastic

 they allow you to indulge in that macabre feeling. It's like stopping by car-crashes. You

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peat' button,' The Aloof's new single, One

of the mothership. It's very big, and verging on the edge of collapse. The 32-**MORAN** piece orchestra adds that Day in

Richard Dreyfuss is

sucked up, through a tunnel of white

light, into the glit-

tering gold interior

the Life vibe of chaotic, speeding horror, and the lyrics see Ricky wailing that he "Feels nothing at all/I feel no shame . . . and, er, what was

and two children for a while last year, and One Night Stand sums up the dizzy sickness and fear a stanger's bed arouses. Radio I isplaying it like mad at the moment, and whatever's played either side of it sounds tinny and cheap and entirely crushable. counters of the Third Kind when

The one thing we all agree on is that we can't sound like anyone else," Dean says, which is a prime band cliche, but also true in the Aloof's case. "We'll play a track over and over again, and really live with it, and if it reminds us of anyone else we'll scrap it."

The Aloof are moving into a' league that contains the Aloof and no one else. The not album promises to be astinishing. In the meantine, there's the magnificence of One Night Stand and Sinking

to keep us going. One Night Stand is released in East West Records on Monday, Sinking is still available

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Against the odds, Prince's triple-CD epic, Emancipation, proves sharp, inventive and vital



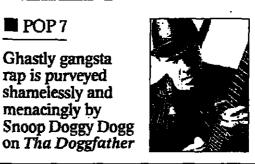
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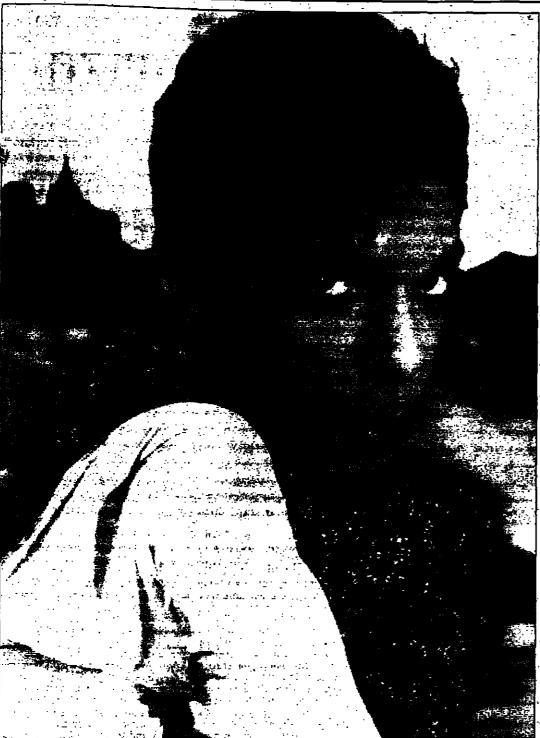


Ghastly gangsta rap is purveyed shamelessly and menacingly by Snoop Doggy Dogg



Mike Henderson evokes the era of hard-hittin', hard-livin' blues on his rollicking First Blood

■ POP 8



He sings, he plays, he wears a joke beard made out of caviare — is there no end to Prince's talents?

# With one mighty LP, the Slave was free

Emancipation (NPG/EMI 7243 8 549820; three CDs E19.99)

HE MAY be the most prolific superstar in the history of pop, but as Prince enters a new phase of his career with his first record for EMI, his stock is at a low ebb. His previous album, Chaos and Disorder, a desultory kiss-off to his former record company, has sold fewer than 40,000 copies in Britain. a dismal result for an artist of his stature.

As public interest has waned, so the media has tired of pandering to the little man's identity crises and crass promotional ploys. Not the best moment then, you would think, to chance his arm with a grandiose triple CD, ominously titled Emancipation and promising "three hours of love, sex and liberty". Frankly, it looks as if he's been given enough rope to hang himself, with slack to spare.

But, against the odds, slack is one thing this album is not. Gone for the most part is the empty braggadocio and slapdash production that have marred his output in recent years. Instead, along with the complex horn parts, barbershop soul harmonies and multiple layers of percussive activity, there is a return to the inventive vitality

that used to be taken for granted.

There are sultry, pleading ballads, such as Soul Sanctuary and Saviour: uptempo dance tracks, notably a sensational electro-funk groove called New World; affectionate cover versions of hits by the Stylistics (Betcha By Golly Wow!). the Delfonics (La, La, La Means I Love U) and Joan Osborne (One of Us; and a handful of badass rap tracks, the heaviest being Face

Down.
While musically there is little he

POP ALBUMS: David Sinclair salutes

the artist recently known as duff on his

three-hour-long return to superstar form.

has not tackled before, there are some stunning moments, as on Slave, where he harnesses a murky drumbeat to a 1990s-style cottonfield chant of "They just keep trying to break my heart". And there are signs of a growing maturity in his lyrics. Let's Have A Baby marks the first time he has looked beyond the mechanics to the consequences of sex, and, despite the self-pitying tone of White Mansion and Damned If I Do, they are two of several songs that offer an honest reflection of events in his life, instead of the usual voyeuristic fantasies.

Although it is a lot to swallow, Emancipation is anything but the self-indulgent mess we might have expected. Never mind the quantity. enjoy the depth.

(East West 0630-16695 £13.99) A COMPLETE departure from the adult-orientated rock for which Chris Rea is known, La Passione is a quaintly orchestrated film score,

ANDY SHEPPARD/

(Verve 533 875-2) ALTHOUGH all the materi-

al on this album was origi-nally written for TV - ten

pieces for The Peter Sellers

Story, the remaining two for

a documentary on the much-

travelled, 18th-century Afri-

can musician Joseph Emidy

- the music it contains is

more than strong enough to

The rapport between saxo-

phonist Andy Sheppard and keyboard player Steve

Lodder is so powerful that,

Sheppard's trademark gently

Latinate tenor-led wafts apart, their compositions are

becoming increasingly diffi-

The Sellers-inspired music

here is appropriately rich in textural and emotional vari-

ety, ranging from dark tenor

brooding over slightly sinis-

ter synthesised washes.

through woozy melancholia

to outright jauntiness, con-veyed by Sheppard's pure, nimble soprano and Lodder's

cult to differentiate.

rippling piano.

stand alone.

which tells the semi-autobiographical tale of a young boy enchanted by the glamorous world of motor racing. Rea's guitar is left at home and his lugubrious drawl becomes a lugubrious croon, assisted by the more forceful tones of Shirley Bassey on Shirley do you own a Ferrari? and "Disco" La Passione.

An album that conjures up images of grainy black-and-white movies on Sunday afternoon TV, the idea works thanks to Rea's obvious and unswerving devotion to his theme, and the refreshing lack of ironic pretensions so frequently associated with latterday excursions into this kind of music.

**SNOOP DOGGY DOGG** 

TOP TEN ALBUMS

Tha Doggfather (Death Row/Interscope INTD-

DEDICATED "in loving memory" of rap star Tupac Shakur, shot dead in September, Tha Doggfather is another loathsome celebration of the black American thug lifestyle set to a cool, shuffling hip hop beat. Dogg delivers his

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thin, weaselly voice that only seems to underpin the menace in his heart. The chilling effect is compounded by audio verité snippets of news reportage of his own murder trial, and the obligatory gunshot sounds, something of a gangsta rap cliché these days.

It would be reassuring to think that this was all an immature, macho fantasy, but events suggest otherwise. If there is no longer any dividing line between art and reality, isn't it about time people like Dogg, with all his influence, tried to change both for the better?

MIKE HENDERSON & THE BLUEBLOODS

First Blood (Dead Reckoning/BMG £13.49) ALTHOUGH based in Nashville, where he has a day job playing studio sessions with the likes of Emmylou Harris, John Hiatt and Hank Williams Jr. the singer and guitarist Mike Henderson is clearly a blues disciple at heart.

Recorded "live in the studio" over just two days, First Blood recalls the 1960s heyday of white boys with electric blues guitars: John Mayall's Bluesbreakers with Eric Ciapton, Peter Green's Fleetwood Mac, the first Chicken Shack album and vintage Johnny Winter all spring to mind.

Of course, that was then and this is now, and it has all been done a million times since then. But there is still a timeless magic that informs these educated, hard-hitting versions of songs by Otis Spann (Bloody Murder). Howlin' Wolf (How Many More Years). Elmore James (Mean Mistreater). Hound Dog Taylor (Give Me Back My Wig) and others.

To order these albums, see coupor

# Who put the dip in the dipdidipdidip?

doo wop, the name it was given for the nonsense "doo wop, doo wop" vocal choruses of hundreds of records, is, like baseball\_a particularly American institution that never appeared to

travel that well. Based on the four-part harmonies created by groups such as the lak Spots and the Mills Brothers in the 1930s and 1940s, but given a rhythm. and blues and sometimes gospel tinge, if proved inagely popular with black audiences in America before cossing over into the pap charts with groups like the Platters and the Drifters traiso inspired a generation of white groups such as Dion and fire Belmonts and the Four Seasons.

Like many homegrown and regional styles of American popular music it all camecrashing down after the arrival of the Beatles, although by that time many of the black groups were embracing the

more up-to-date rhythms of soul music.

tent. In the years since, the interest in doe wop has increased not only in America but, surprisingly, in Europe home of many recent re-issues. For those new to the genre, the best place to start is the recently released Doo Wop Box 2 (Rhino R2/R4 72507), a four-CD, 101-track trawl through the best of the music, which follows on from the pioneering Box I issued a few years back. It starts with the former, gospel group, the Larks, tackling My Reverie

twhich bears the intriguing composer credits of Larry Clinton! Claude Debussy! from 1951 and ends with the Italian/American group the Classics and Till Then, a Top 20-bit in America in 1963.

in between there is every-

thing from the original Leiber and Stoller hit. Smokey Joe's Cafe, by the Robins, the falsetto and catchy Peanuts by Little Joe & the Thrillers and perhaps the best ever pop Dead, then, but not forgotversion of Stormy Weather by the Chicago group, the

> For those who want to delve further, Dec-Jay Records, a German company, has unleashed two volumes of Philadelphia dos wop: Swan Masters Vol I (DJ-CD 55038) and Vol 2 (DJ-CD - 55039) which includes tracks like Amazons and Coyotes by the Dreamlovers, a group whose biggest claim to fame was that they sang behind Chubby Checker on the million-selling The Twist - but never got the credit for it. Meanwhile, in Britain the

doo wop torch is held firmly by Ace Records, whose latest offering, Vocal Groups Coast to Coast (Ace CDCHD 594) includes some rarely heard early tracks by the New York groups, the Mello Moods and the Cabineers, as well as some



# Tunes screen

JAZZ ALBUMS

The central duo is joined by a rhythm section for some selections, and by violinist Johnny "Ice" Taylor on the Emidy pieces. But it is Sheppard's ability to conjure up haunting, evocative tenor sounds, buoyed by Lodder's facility in choosing the precise keyboard texture to showcase them, that makes this album so unequivocally

JACK WALRATH AND HARD CORPS Journey, Man! (Evidence ECD 22150-2)

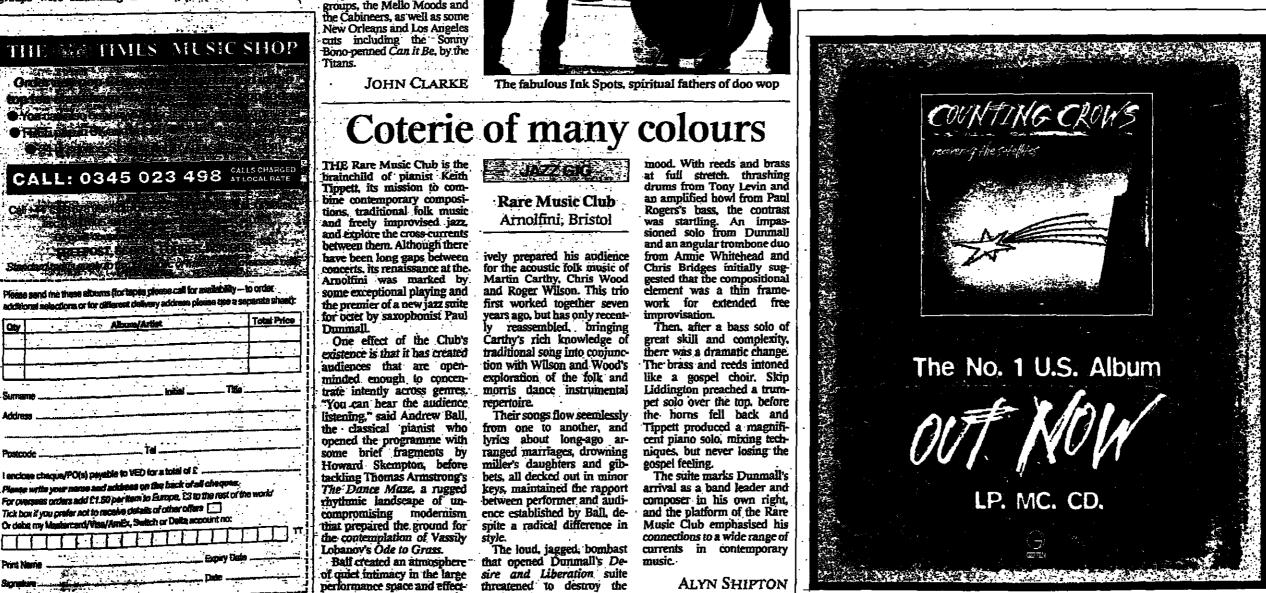
THE nine compositions by the American trumpeter Jack

Walrath on this passionate eclectic listening — he pos-sesses 20,000 albums ranging from Albinoni to Cage and the ODJB to Ornette but also his experience with leaders as diverse as Ray Charles and Muhal Richard

The sextet assembled here New York's finest: saxophonists Craig Handy and Bobby Watson, pianist Ken-ny Drew Jr, bassist Ray Drummond and drummer Victor Lewis - is given its head throughout and responds magnificently, with Watson in particular contributing a number of blistering alto solos.

Many of Walrath's pieces are clearly indebted, particularly in their mood and tempo changes, to those of his most famous employer. Charles Mingus. But overall this is an intensely personal album packed with gutsy, night originals played by all concerned with great verve.

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BLACKPOOL. David Freeman directs Opera Factory in his movaliva production of Mozart's evofic lariytale. The Magic Flute, which takes its inspiration from the circus a kaleidoscope of comedy, illusion, drama and physical theatre. Sung in English Grand. Church Street (01253 28372). Sunday and Monday, 7.15pm.

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PUBLIC ART: Judith Chernaik on a stunning new memorial fountain in Sussex

# Shelley's glittering prize

spirit shall flow/Back to whence it came

So Shelley wrote of Keats in Adonais. Now Shelley's spirit, too, has been returned to its place of birth (the ancient Sussex market town of Horsham) in the form of water, six and a half tons of it, circulating through an astonishing fountain sculpture by Angela Conner called Rising Universe.

Dominating the Shelley fountain is a giant translucent fibreglass sphere encased in a lava-like crust that curls back jaggedly from the surface; below the sphere, water channels feed east, west, north and south into stone basins on which four "satellite" spheres dance and twirl. The mysterious opening lines of Shelley's Mont Blanc are inscribed on the plinth:

The everlasting universe of things Flows through the mind, and rolls its rapid waves. Now dark - now glittering - now reflecting gloom --Now lending splendour, where from The source of human thought its tribute brings

Of waters . . . It is hard to imagine a more appropriate memorial for a poet whose imagery is full of rivers, fountains, seas and natural cycles, and who celebrated abeve all man's power to imagine and

therefore to change his world. The entire town of Horsham turned out on a freezing November night for the inauguration. The journalist Paul Foot declaimed Shelley's Mask of Anarchy, exhorting the people of England to avenge the Peterloo massacre: "Rise like lions after slumber/In unvanquishable number/Shake your chains to earth like dew/Ye are many, they are few." As the gowned pupils of Christ's Hospital played a brass fanfare, the chairman of the Fountain Society cut cords holding up four green silk banners. The great sphere released a few hesitant rivulets and descended



Angela Conner's Shelley Fountain in Horsham is grand in scale, simple in form and open to sky and public

slowly on its column. Water flowed, stopped, flowed again, gushed forth ("I know several ladies of Horsham who could do better," said a retired school teacher afterwards at the pub). The water cycle finished to a symphonic interlude by Martyn Harry, a local composer; the sphere rose halfway up its column, and the assembled multitudes burst into applause. Fireworks scattered a flock of starlings. The public drifted back to their cars and comfortable homes, for Horsham enjoys one of the highest per capita incomes in the country, low unemployment, excellent schools, and a model low-income housing policy.

The background is instructive. Four years ago, Sainsbury's won its battle to

site a new superstore smack in the centre of town; in return, under its I per cent "Arts for All" policy, the company gave more than £100,000 to the district council for a work of public art. After much debate, the council agreed to commission a memorial to the town's most famous son.

helley was the least provincial of poets, and there are few references to his home or early childhood in his works. But the Shelley Fountain has an importance far beyond its local connections. It is a model of its kind, a reminder of the past which is itself wonderfully evocative. As a memorial it is in strongest possible contrast to the 1893 Shelley

memorial in Oxford: a marble effigy of a naked drowned youth, enshrined in a sanctum of University College: quasireligious homage to the poet expelled for writing The Necessity of Atheism. The Horsham fountain is grand in

scale, simple in form, open to the sky. and - most important - open to the public. The fountain should enter public life as a meeting place and a talking point, a source of pleasure and pride for generations - and it may well exert a beneficent influence for change. One imagines the neon-lit McDonald's and the other undistinguished buildings framing the square disappearing under the serene influence of flowing water and spinning worlds. Public art of this stature is a rare thing.

# A stylish renaissance

Overture, followed by a similarly impressive one of the CONCERT of three Shakespearean sonnets concerned with the passcular, yet supple enough to allow the soloist. Stephen Kovacevich, to rhapsodise in

the more reflective passages lace outlined the work of the fund and suggested we make the informative programme our bedtime reading. That proved to be good advice, since

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allocated, it was not easy to determine matters of balance in Richard Strauss's Don Juan.

But everything seemed to be in

Johann II, whose Die Fledermaus overture ended the programme: a deliciously

tender central episode and the

succulent string textures of the

latter section were excellently

Wien was also given a rousing

performance by the massed

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brass players of the Royal Military School of Music and the Royal Artillery Band, but it was the other Strauss. phrased reading, with lilting rubato and accompaniment figures lightly touched in.

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# Simpson launches scathing attack on English game

The thunderstorms that assaulted Brisbane yesterday might just have been Bob Simpson having his say. For the first time in a decade, a Test series in this country was about to begin without Simpson in charge of e Australia team, and he es never likely to let the

moment pass quietly. Simpson was removed from office as Australia coach after the World Cup in March. He did not want to go - indeed, he had made a detailed written case for a new contract to take him beyond the Ashes series next summer - and now, with ... predictably opportunist tim-ing, he has published a provocative book.

A forthright man, ambitious and uncompromising, Simpson made enemies during his ten years as coach and he acknowledges it without apology. His book, The Reason Why, is not the placatory goodnatured gesture of a retired 60-year-old and none who know him would expect it to be. To those who disliked his yle, his answer is blunt. "So hat? My job was to help restore Australian cricket, not to win popularity contests."

He is also sharply conscious of the many who resented his undeniable triumphs. They have publicly announced their delight at the success of the Australian team and privately seethed at the thought that Simmo might get some of the credit. Hard luck."

Simpson, a recent addition to the panel of international match referees, claims he was never given an adequate rea-son for his dismissal by the Australian Cricket Board other than it was time for a change. This seems pretty shallow reasoning to me," he said, and of his replacement, Geoff Marsh, he added: "I fear that he has been handed a very demanding job two years be-

fore he is ready for it." It is doubtful whether this offends Marsh, to whom Simpson is otherwise generous in his praise, and yet on Alan Lee finds that retirement has not mellowed the former Australia coach

Simpson's concern for the

English decline stops short of sympathy. "I don't decry many

teams for professional players whose standards are unjustifi-

ably low, but I do wonder how

on earth England let it hap-

pen. With their resources and

tradition, they should be pro-

ducing far better players than

they are.
"At the moment they are

obviously a bit of a hasket

also their own fault. The

county system seems to have

stuffed up badly. The overrid-

ing priority in English cricket is the welfare of the counties

and, while that is understand-able, it is, in the interests of the

overall game, a selfish, intro-

ing from regular press confer-ences, deliberately lowering his profile in a way that his predecessor would never will-

ingly have done.
Humility was not a striking trait of Simpson the coach, as his book reflects. Amid the bluster of self-justification, however, there always was a sharp, analytical mind, one of the finest cricketing brains of his generation.

So when Simpson reviews case, which is sad. But it is the state of the English game and considers it risible, he cannot lightly be dismissed. Simpson coached Australia in five series against England and won the last four of them. He also spent two summers in

Simpson: outspoken

county cricket at Leicestershire

and, true to form, attracted

some severely mixed reac-

fancy that. Isn't that what

everyone is supposed to aspire

He is equally scathing when he turns his sights from administrators to players. "I many county professionals does the game any favours . . . a high percentage of players at county level are not very good. And worse than that, they show precious little evidence of

wanting to be.
"Too many cricketers are content with doing the minimum, scoring just enough runs or taking enough wickers to make sure they get a renewed contract, without any real desire to improve: Too many players accept the good life of county cricket without really stretching themselves. That attitude is going to be hard to change."

"There was plenty of opposi-tion to my attitude and meth-ods," he recalls. James Then, intriguingly, Simpson credits this complacency to the exploits of Ian Botham. "As Whitaker, a hero in Leicesterlong as Botham could work shire after leading the county to the championship last summiracles, nobody looked for any deeper flaws. And in that respect — and with no disremer, does not escape criticism. having complained that the Australian coach "wanted us spect to a player I admire immensely — Botham was bad for English cricket," he all to be Test cricketers". Simpson is scornful. "Well.

It is a withering denunciation of the English game, from the eve of his first home series to? Ismes probably meant that a man who has never done cricketing education. I wanted them all to work at other than speak his mind, belief that he is no more shirting today, the new man their game as hard as Test Reluctant retirement has a good county player. took a step back by withdraw- cricketers. And I did," he says. plainly not mellowed him.



Mohammad Wasim surveys the damage after being bowled by Doull yesterday

## White shows his true colours

From a Special Correspondent in melbourne

AN UNBEATEN innings of 92 from Craig White helped England A into a commanding position against Victoria in Melbourne yesterday, and provided further evidence that the Yorkshire all-rounder has added a greater degree of

consistency to his game.
White's England career has been in abeyance since the Trent Bridge Test against West Indies in August 1995. and Ronnie Irani and Mark Ealham have moved ahead of him in the pecking order for the Test all-rounder's spot. However, his performances since being selected for the A tour to Australia, where White received most of his cricketing education, belie the belief that he is no more than

ets, looked one of the best batsmen in the party and contributed greatly to the touring side's success to date. After being rested for the victory over the Australian Cricket Academy in Mount Gambier, he produced undoubtedly his most impressive display to help England A to reach 231 for four at the

end of a rain-hit opening day. White had to overcome several interruptions as regular downpours forced the players off the field, yet he still hit II fours on his way to England A's biggest score of

#### SCOREBOARD

w A Butcher st Roach b Hodge ...
M P Vaughan c Roach b Saker ...
A McGrath low b Remang ...
O A Shah c Foster b Dodernade C Whate not out .....
\* A J Holkoake not out ..... Extras (Ib 4, nb 4) .

Total (4 wide) 231
M A Esham, 1W K Hegg, A F GRes, G
Chapple and D W Headley to bat
PALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-21, 3-59, 4-137.
BOWLING, Flemming 16-6-27-1, Salver 14-2-36-1, Dodsmade 19-6-31-1, Harvey 14-1-55-0. Stacey 10-1-50-0: Hodge 4-0-15-1:
Rarper 3-0-13-0. VICTORIA. "A I C Dodemade, W G Ayers, B J Hodge, M R Foster, L"D Harper, I J Harvey, DW Fleming, D J Saker, B J Slacey, G R Vimpan, †P J Roach

the tour during an innings lasting more than three hours. More importantly, his determination helped the team to recover from another shaky start. Michael Vaughan lasted just eight overs before edging a rising delivery from David Saker to Peter Roach, the wicketkeeper, and Anthony McGrath was trapped leg-

before by Damien Fleming soon afterwards. Owais Shah was brilliantly caught at short leg by Michael Foster off Tony Dodernaide as England slumped to 59 for three, mirroring previous collapses against South Austra-lia and the Australian Cricket Academy. However. White. who was promoted to No 4. shared a fourth-wicket part-

nership with Mark Butcher to

put England A back in control. The pair added 78 in 25 overs before Butcher was smartly stumped by Roach. White was dropped twice, on 45 and 85, but was still there when stumps were drawn. Aided by disciplined and dogged batting from Adam Hollioake, the unbroken fifth-wicket partnership was

worth 94 runs.

## **Doull rips** through Pakistan to inspire fightback

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SIMON DOULL; the New Zealand fast bowler, fired a warning to England's Test batsmen as he launched a stunning fightback against Pakistan on a dramatic opening day to the first Test in Lahore yesterday.

Doull, a 27-year-old right-armer from Northern Dis-tricts, captured four for 21 in seven overs as Pakistan, who had earlier dismissed New Zealand for 155, slumped from 21 for no wicket to 37 for five. When bad light halted play ten overs early, Salim Malik and the wicketkeeper. Moin Khan, were together on 11 and live respectively, having taken the home side to 55 for five.

For New Zealand, who take on England next year in a three-Test series, starting in Auckland on January 24, it was a spectacular turnaround from the opening two sessions. After winning the toss and batting first, they struggled to recover from a poor start, in which Bryan Young and Justin Vaughan were out with only 16 on the board.

Their innings was briefly revived by a third-wicket stand of 51 between Adam Parore, the highest scorer with 37, and Stephen Fleming, who made 19. However, after lunch New Zealand lost their re-

maining seven wickets for 88. Pakistan's collapse started when Doull bowled Saeed Anwar for eight with the total on 21. They then lost ljaz Ahmed when he was adjudged leg-before to Chris Cairns.

Inzamam-ul-Haq was brilliantly taken at third slip without scoring and he was swiftly followed by Zahoor Ellahi, making his interna-tional debut, and Mohammad Wasim.

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S P Flemmer C Salim b Mushtaq
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C Z Harrs b Wagar
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O N Patel flow b Mushtaq
S B Doutl not out
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Total 155
FALL OF WICKETS 1-6, 2-16 3-67 4-70
5-73, 6-83, 7-102, 8-102, 9-117
BOWLING Wagar Youns 15-3-48-4
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## Symcox and De Villiers lead revival to thwart spin attack

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

PAT SYMCOX and Fanie de Villiers rescued South Africa with a half-century stand for the eighth wicket after they collapsed against the India spinners in the first Test in Ahmedadbad yesterday.

Coming together with South Africa reeling at 119 for seven in reply to India's first innings of 223, the bowlers put on 63 to lead the touring team to 202 for eight at the close on the second day.

Fine bowling by Sunil Joshi, the left-arm spinner, and Anii Kumble and Narendra Hirwani, the leg spinners, with the help of dubious leg-before decisions by S. K. Bansal, the home umpire, against Hansie Cronje and Daryll Cullinan, had earlier raised India's hopes of

a useful first-innings lead. Symcox, who smashed three fours and a six, was legbefore to Joshi half an hour before the close, but Allan Donald helped De Villiers, who finished 40 not out, to last out an engrossing day's play at the Gujarat Stadium. Cronje, the South Africa captain, was given out to a ball from Hirwani that pitched outside the leg stump and struck him on his pad outside off. Cronje managed

to keep cool.
Unfortunately, when Cullinan, after making an aggressive 43, was given out two overs later, he could not control himself. Cullinan visibly remonstrated with Bansal, which will probably earn him a fine from John Reid, the match referee. Cullinan was at full stretch down the pitch when a ball from Joshi struck him on the front pad.

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# SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent For the next few Refreshers I'm going to be talking about signalling. Groucho Marx's instruction to partners who liked his lead was don't bother to signal, just nod your head and smile. I'm afraid that one is no longer available in polite company. Nowadays the defenders tell one another about their hands by different patterns of card-play. I recommend the following

I) On partner's lead, or when discarding, you should show your 'attitude' to the suit. A high card says you like that suit, a low card is discouraging.

2) When the declarer is playing a suit, a high card in that suit says you have an even number, and a low card an odd number

Note that what is a high card can be unclear. In many situations, the only way you can tell your parmer has played a high card is when he subsequently follows with a lower card,

Some examples of 'attitude' signals: you are East, defending a No-trump contract.

The declarer plays the ace from dummy. What card do you play? The correct card from (i) is the nine. All it says is 'partner I like the lead'. But from (ii) you play the three - you want to warn your partner you have no help in the suit.

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You are defending Six Spades. Your partner leads the queen of spades and declarer plays ace, king and another spade, your parmer winning the third round. What do you discard? Declarer is likely to take the rest of the tricks unless your partner switches to diamonds now. So you discard the nine of diamonds. But in the same position make your hand:

+74 +10982 +A5432 +65 Now if you throw the five of diamonds an unobservant partner may think that was a low diamond. Of course, he should work out that the four, three and two are missing, but parmers can be lary that way. Better is to throw the two of hearts, which even the most obtuse partner will recognise as discouraging in hearts and

therefore asking him to play diamonds. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

MOUD MARKENING THE BEST

By Philip Howard

WALLAROO a. A large kangareo b. An Australian hearty c. An ejaculation of surprise

b. The female wigeon

c. An admiring lan

WHEWER a. A large milkjug

WAMBLE a. Feeling sick b. To wander without purpose c. A feudal supporter VAL

a. A late Roman Emperor b. Farewell c. A governor

Answers on page 50



BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Soviet Juggernaut
I conclude this week long review of the great tourna-ments of chess history with a at the 1948 Hague/Moscow World Championship match tournament. This established the Soviet citizen Mikhail Botvinnik as the new world champion, after the previous incumbent, the great tactical genius Alexander Alekhine had died in 1946, still in possession of the title.

Botvinnik's victory here heralded an unbroken succession of Soviet champions until 1972, when Bobby Fischer defeated Boris Spassky at Reykjavík. Botvinnik's strengths included iron discipline, deep pre-game preparation and also training for the physical hazards one might encounter across the chessboard. Though now banned in important competi-tions, smoking in 1948 was still quite permissible during the game. Botvinnik, who detested tobacco, therefore arranged pre-tournament training sessions with the Soviet grandmaster and nicotine ad-dict Ragozin. Ragozin's specific brief was to chain smoke during the games and ensure that the smoke was blown directly in Botvinnik's

Botvinnik duly overwhelmed his opposition, which included Smyslov. Keres and Reshevsky. Here is how he bowled over Max Euwe, who was world champion himself from 1935 to 1937. White Mikhail Botvinnik Black: Max Euwe

Championship 1948 Semi-Slav Defence Nt3

> Nc3 Bd3 Bxc4 Bd3 e5 Nxb5 axb5 Ob6 Bxg7 Nc5 Bb7 Rd8 Rd5 Bxe5 Rxe5 Rxe5 Nxd3 St4 Re1 Og3 Og7 Rc7 Qxc7 Bd5 d3 Bc4 R17 Ce3 Ad7 31 32 bxc4 Kf7

Black resigns Diagram of final position

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday. Hague/Moscow World

White to play. This position is from the game Nimzowitsch - Marshall. New York 1927. The black knight is caught in a terrible crossifie of pins and the white rooks are also prepared to enter

Solution on page 50



Umpres G T Morrow and I W Strattord

33 Ke3 34 Ob4 35 Kd2 36 a4 Ke6 Rc7

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene the action. Unsurprisingly, Black did not last lone. How did White **PUBLIC NOTICES** 

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**RUGBY UNION** 

# Longer league life may deny players best of both codes

By Christopher Irvine

IT BEGAN with the gasps viduals must eventually commit themselves to one game. that went around Twickenham. To rugby league follow-Tuigamala is contracted to Wigan for now, but I'd be lying if I said we wouldn't ers there for the Middlesex Sevens, it was no more than they expected or were used to seeing from Wigan. Rugby want him permanently," he said. The league players reunion glimpsed the future in turn to their clubs in January Henry Paul, Gary Connolly, and the extended Super Robinson. Martin League will limit their chances Offiah and most formidably, in union next season. When they come out of contract, it's Varaiga Tuigamala, who trampled over his now fellow another matter." Tuigamala has rediscovered Wasps in the final.

The possibilities seen by his love of union after his several English club coaches recent Western Samoa debut, but many of the talents he now that day last May have sometimes been thrillingly realised has he owes to league and he is in the past two months. It reluctant to give up his adopted game. As much as Robbie speaks volumes for the craft and professionalism in league Paul, too, is enjoying his wellthat Robinson, Connolly and paid stint at Harlequins away the Paul brothers. Henry and from Bradford Bulls, his pres-Robbie, have made such an ence this week in Sydney at the impact on a foreign field. Now, those dabbling in both launch of the ambitious 22-team world rugby league club championship, to be held codes are apparently faced

Rugby league's flaw this year was a shortage of fixtures. That problem is addressed by a season starting with the Challenge Cup next February and ending in mid-November with the last of the touring Australians' three matches against Great Britain. It effectively closes the window of opportunity on league players taking a busmen's holiday in union, unless they desire a permanent

Nigel Melville, Wasps' di-

JONAH LOMU will make his

second appearance in Great

Britain on Sunday, as part of

the New Zealand Barbarians

XV team to play the Northern

Counties at Huddersfield in

the one preparatory game prior to the meeting with England on November 30.

Ieuan Evans testimonial match at Llanelli last season.

guished year after the huge

impact he made during the

1995 World Cup. This brief

visit will be his chance to re-

establish himself in the ab-

sence of such experienced

backs as Frank Bunce, Walter

be too far away from the team

that will meet England at

Twickenham, though Carlos

Spencer, who enjoyed such a

fruitful season with Auckland,

The XV for Sunday will not

Little and Jeff Wilson.

Lomu, who appeared in the

Lomu has chance to

re-establish himself

By David Hands

plays at full back.

the opening day of the tourna-

ment in Dubai yesterday.

James Craig helped himself to

31 points, with five tries and

Nicol scored 25 through a

hat-trick of tries and five

conversions as the Scots

crushed Zambia 87-0 in their

opening pool E match. Wales beat Singapore 77-0,

with all seven players scoring

tries, and then beat a strong

and spirited Zimbabwe side

NEW ZEALAND BARBARIANS IV Norther

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next year, indicated where his

Not that Paul would necessarily refuse another spell in union. "Although I'll be happy to return to Bradford, it is not satisfying leaving a job half done," he said. "It's been an eye-opener playing union for the first time when the game is exploding. If the chance arrived again, I'd take it, but league is the game I grew up with and the world club championship is the chance to take league to a new dimension.

For most of the 70 players who have crossed to union in the past year, money has been the key factor. The first 12 months' money of the five-year £87 million Super League contract went on keeping many league clubs afloat, but more efficient management at clubs and the prospect of real wealth in the later stages of the world club tournament should help to curb the union drift.

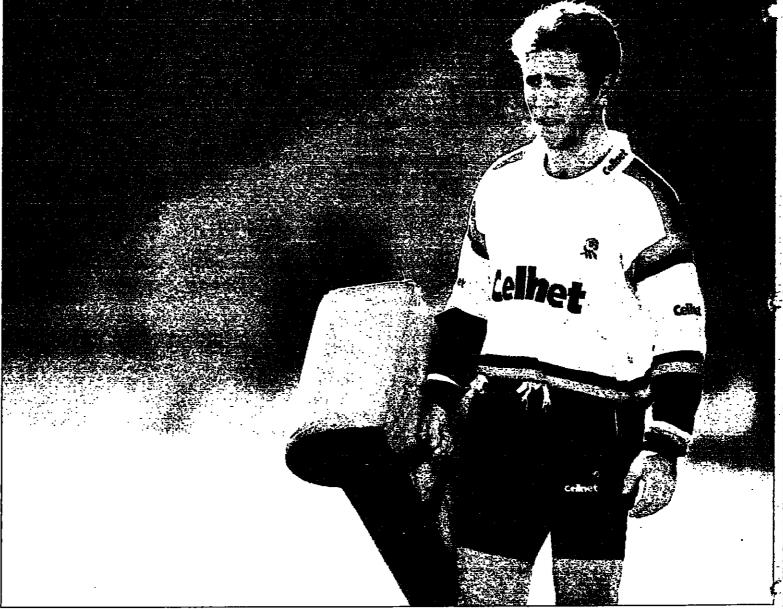
At Wigan - where the prospect of £7 million being pumped into the financiallytroubled club is held out by the takeover bid of Dave Whelan. owner of Wigan Athletic Football Club - Paul Harrison, the club spokesman, said: "Union clubs competing for players when contracts expire will be no different from competition from other league clubs. As usual, reports of rugby league's demise are

League, however, is too small to withstand successfully the loss of even a handful of its leading combatants. Britain's recent 340 series defeat in New Zealand, where Connolly and Robinson were sorely missed, proved that. It is plays at stand-off half ahead of doubtful whether Harlequins Andrew Mehrtens. Christian and Bath could buy out their Cullen, the discovery of 1996. El million contracts with the Australian Rugby League. Scotland and Wales got their World Cup Sevens quali-The Super League might. knowing their importance to fying campaigns off to flying starts with 13-try victories on

the Britain side.

There is a sense, too, that Bath overplayed the rugby league hand. Robinson and Henry Paul appeared less the Heineken Cup. In Harlequins' recent defeat by Sale, Connolly missed the lines of running completely, but all are learning and Dick Best, Harlequins' director of rugby. is convinced those doubling up in union would, in time,

make international level. "I'm a great student of league and we'll be watching the Super League closely in terms of possible further deals," Best said.



De Glanville is bringing a strong track record and a positive attitude to his new role as England captain. Photograph: Marc Aspland

## De Glanville takes first steps forward

world record-hold-Ler? Where are the guidelines on how to begin a new sporting era? How long will it be before Will Carling's England becomes part of rugby union history and Phil de Glanville's England has stamped its own authority on the sport?

Not that de Glanville will have been worrying about history during the few short days since November 4. when he found that he was to follow Carling as captain of England. The present has filled his time, the personal adjustment from being just another squad member to its focal point, at a time when both the squad and the way it seeks to play the game are changing fundamentally.

says that he is looking no further than England's game against Italy at Twickenham tomorrow, the meeting with the New Zealand Barbarians a week later and the December 14 encounter with Argentina, one sympathises. For, in these three games, he will begin to come to terms with his new role and the demands that England and its rugby public place upon him. When Carling began his

David Hands talks to a new England captain ready to put the past behind him but equally keen not to look too far ahead road to glean words of wis-59-match stewardship eight

years ago, he was the fifth man to lead England that calendar year and the sport was in a state of flux. He hands over to de Glanville a perception of English rugby enhanced beyond recognition by success, by profes-sionalism and — the down side — the ills that play-forpay has brought in its wake. Apart from anything else, de Glanville's England has now to compensate for the inadequacies of administrators by playing so well as to make the public forget the quarrels and political strife that have marred this season.

have run through Jack Rowell's mind before the national coach made his decision, back in September. He wanted a maturity, in individual and playing terms, that Lawrence Dallaglio perhaps lacked: Dallaglio is. after all, one of the new waye. Whereas Carling, at 22, had old sweats such as Peter Winterbottom, Mike Teague, Rob Andrew, Rory Underwood, Wade Dooley and

Paul Ackford to proffer advice, de Glanville is sur-rounded by youngsters with the exceptions of the two multi-capped men, Carling himself and Jason Leonard.

De Glanville, at 28, has established a strong track record of his own, a mind honed at the universities of Durham and Oxford, a business career as a marketing consultant that he steadfastly refuses to relinquish for the dubious pleasures of fulltime sport, a playing career hardened in the fire of Bath rugby at its apogee.

things need to be said to Jack, I won't hesitate to say them." de Glanville says with a glint in his eve. "I know he won't hesitate to say them to me." He acknowledges how life will change, not only for himself but for Yolanda, his wife, whom he met while at Durham. She was not aware of him as a rugby player then: she is now, with media crews camped out on the

as Bath's coach. "if

dom from the latest occupant of a high-profile job. "We will keep our feet firmly on the ground," de Glanville promises, and it must be hoped, in the whirligig world of international sport, that he

He is in no doubt that leadership has to be a posi-tive quality. "There must be a good empathy with the other players, but getting the bal-ance right between being the captain and being part of the squad is difficult, particularly when you have come out of the squad to occupy the new role. 111 bring a positive play the game and the way squad environment

develops. 'We are here first and foremost to win, secondly to enjoy ourselves. The balance, in the psychology of the squad, is very important. But when the going gets tough, I hope I won't revert to what have become known as 'traditional' English methods. Space and time are at a premium in international

rugby, which makes it difficult to play the kind of rugby we are aiming for, but players are developing the necessary mental and physical skills through the way the majority of their clubs have been playing this season.
"You need 15 players all

reacting to the same kind of game and one of the most refreshing aspects of this season has been the consisency of approach by players from different clubs.

The build-up has already changed from Will's era, the different environment we find at Bisham Abbey, the new warm-up routines, but we are finding out what's right for this squad and not ju seeking change for its own

"We want a balanced game that will keep the opposition guessing. We are always going to play with options, not just running the ball all the time, kicking is part of the game too. But our general philosophy is to keep the ball in hand. It will take time to get our execution right and we would not pretend to be at the top of the world game right now — but we aspire to

 Today's TES contains the most detailed set of school and college performance tables to be published by any newspaper in England and Wales. Forty-eight pages of results plus unrivalled analysis and comment.

## Summit talks can bring greater union to Europe alive here last weekend, it has been so from the beginning in France. For

Text Monday a meeting is to take place in Dublin to determine the future of European rugby fixtures. The success of the Heineken Cup this season has ensured that its future is guaranteed. Whether the present format remains

- the number of clubs, the comple-ment of matches, when they are to be olayed and so on — is a matter for debate. What is certain is that this tournament will provide the main another at the moment. We must

English. French and Welsh clubs, the Scottish districts and Irish provinces.

Present at this meeting will be the five directors of the European Rugby Cup

(ERC) committee, as well as five other members who will represent the clubs, districts and provinces of the five nations where difficulties have arisen. It is hoped that the many conflicts and divergent interests that marred the competition last year, and which have continued in other forms and by other means this season, will receive attention. The unions and clubs must begin to unite in the interest of the game as a whole. Clearly, there are too many arguments and too many matches at If the European tournament came

"It is important that the unions. clubs and provinces and so on should come together," he said. "There are a

lot of fixtures which conflict with one make rugby a sport in Europe which is saleable, profitable and of 'Appeal must the style which will get the maximum number of people not only be to

Marcel Martin, France's representa-

tive on the ERC, this response has

been particularly satisfying. His vi-

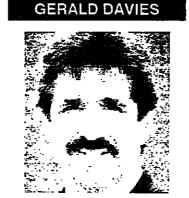
sion now is that this feeling should be

shared among others in Europe.

watching the few clubs' playing. A 17-point questionnaire has been circulated to all those attending the meeting. What, for example, is a sustainable number of matches? And over how many weekends? How many fixtures should be at home? With how many matches would the clubs be happy, from the playing point of view as well as

financial viability? The questions go beyond club fixtures, domestic and European, to include international matches before and after Christmas. These must dovetail together.

There is a fabric that needs to be kept together not torn apart. But the



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season must not be congested." Martin, who will contest the presidency of the French federation next month, said. "We need to agree on the proper form of the season in order that we know what we can offer television companies and the sponsors. There must be a coherent shape to rugby in Europe and not for each country to determine selfishly for itself.

But the base must remain large. It is fundamental that the appeal must not only be to the few clubs. Money cannot all go to a small number of rich clubs. Such a concentration would not ultimately be to the benefit of rugby. This is why it is important to maintain a second tier of competition. Of course, television and sponsors are interested largely in the main event. We must not ignore the rest, however. The profits may not be shared equally, but nor must all the money go into the pockets of the few: there is a shared responsibility. The culture of rugby will

be richer for it. We must not allow what happened to rugby league to happen to rugby union. Rugby league remains limited to a small band of

clubs in a very small number of countries. Rugby union has a duty to get as many players as possible and as many people watch-

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ing as possible. We must also be concerned that there should be a sense of continuity. What if, for example, Harlequins or Leinster or any other team in the Heineken Cup did not qualify next season? Do they drop out altogether? What incentive should they have to play in the autumn? Having experienced European rugby one year, their motivation would be very low without it. This cannot be allowed to

emerging nations. If the Heineken tournament is dominated by teams from the five nations, as it is at the moment, it does not mean that it should always remain like this.

When France began playing the other four countries in the early days. they were always beaten by large scores. This is clearly not the case a more. The French game was able develop very quickly because of their

continued involvement. Therefore, we should consider other countries in the rest of

"We should think of those who are taking their first steps in rugby's broad com-

munity, like Spain and Germany. Perhaps we should consider playing them in the second competition. In that way, we might be able to give them an incentive and to push the game forward. That is the kind of expansion we should aim for.

There should always be a channel between the top and small clubs, between the major country.
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RUGBY LEAGUE: LEEDS CLUBS SET UP DEAL FOR INTERNATIONAL WING

## Sterling wanted in player-share agreement

is about to follow Martin Offiah at London Broncos and Bedford in becoming only the second jointly-owned rugby league and rugby union player in a combined deal by the Leeds league and union clubs, who now share the Headingley ground (Christopher Irvine

The player-share arrangement is the first of its kind since the marriage of convenience between the two clubs ten months ago. There will be a cash

PAUL STERLING, a wing in both codes, assistance provided by Leeds RU." Gary Hetherington, the Leeds league chief executive, said. "It was ourselves who made the approach to Hull (where Sterling is on the transfer list at £100,000). The arrangement is that his union does not overlap with the league."

Sterling, 30, a late starter in both sports, joined Hull from Bradford and Bingley rugby union club in 1993. He made one appearance for his former union side this season before Hull demanded a fee. Last year he represented Great Britain,

in the rugby league world sevens in Sydney. Sterling is expected to join Leeds. from Hull, in exchange for Matthew Schultz, a forward.

Leeds yesterday announced a fivefigure sponsorship deal with the fast-food chain. McDonald's, for the family stand

and junior supporters' club. Garry Scholfield, the former Leeds and Great Britain stand-off half, last night received the Rugby League Writers' Association merit award for services to





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# Courses come under fire again at grassroots level

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

A CALL for a fundamental Club, rather than the British. review of going reports and puri husbandry at Britain's Horseracing Board. Warwick, one of the RHT racecourses came yesterday as misgivings surfaced about the tracks, confirmed yesterday it had commissioned a report state of another Jockey Clubfrom an independent agron-omist a year ago which had highlighted failings in its soil Colin Smith, who spent £3 llion building Jackdaws ple David Nicholson's and grass structure. Lack of cash has delayed implement-ing his recommendations. The growing unease among

ning base, is critical of the

poor quality of many courses — notably Cheltenham — and trainers and owners about the the "deliberately" inaccurate going reports produced by state of some tracks and misleading going reports has convinced Smith that radical some clerks of the courses. "If climatic changes mean action is required. He believes we are going to get less rain all courses should be required to take advice from an indeand warmer temperatures, the problem will get worse and pendent agronomist, chosen from a selected panel, and implement recommendations you will end up with a truncated season, he warned. The Jockey Club is responsion soil testing, strains of grass

ble for the condition of raceand watering. courses but, as Smith pointed "At too many courses, there out, it owns a dozen courses is no irrigation policy and the through its subsidiary, Raceequipment to be fair to course Holdings Trust (RHT), groundsmen, is often truly and "is therefore often sitting horrific," he said. "It can in judgment on itself". Simirange from punctured hoses. garden sprinklers."

The watering policy on jumps courses varies enormously. Kempton started watering seriously in August, while Newbury, Ascot and Cheltenham left it much later. The National Trainers' Federation has ledged a formal complaint about the going at Newbury's October meeting.

Clerks of the courses are responsible for determining the official going but too many of them at important times call it wrongly because they want to get runners to the course. Some are just incom-petent," Smith added. "There are two or three clerks of courses whom you cannot trust at all when it comes to going reports."

Although the Jockey Club

has been trying for years, without success, to introduce a penetrometer to give accurate going readings, Smith believes an accumulation of readings from such an instrument at individual tracks over a two-year period would give trainers a more accurate guide

than that offered by clerks of

Smith's main complaint is against Cheltenham, run by RHT, "because it is suppose to be the Nol course in the country, but it is far from that in the calling of the going and the nature of the ground.

"It doesn't have any grass of any consequence. It is like the hair on your head; it looks okay, but is pretty thin. When it comes to calling the going they tend to err on the side of what they believe it should be. It is easy to be over critical. The truth is it has come upon them a bit. As a result of better drainage, the moisture content of the soil has changed, but not the type of grass. No one, until recently, thought about such

things."
He concluded: "If you looked at football pitches 20 years ago in March, they had little grass on them. That is not the case now. The technology is there to give you the grass and soccer has adapted. Racing hasn't."

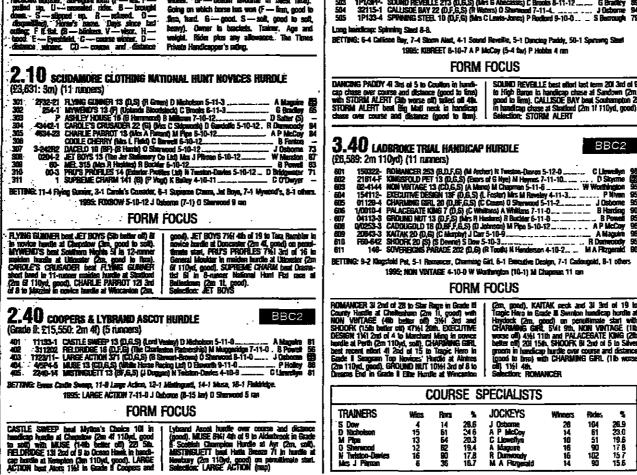


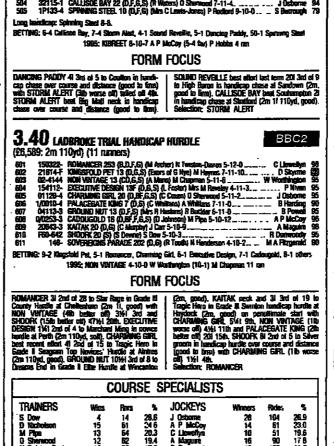
Smith keeps a watchful eye on the gallops at Jackdaws Castle, where champion trainer, Nicholson, is based

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(2.40 Ascot) Next best: Random Harvest (1.35 Ascot) backed for next year's Champion Hurlde and is held in high regard by David Nichol-

son. Muse should ensure the race is run at a decent pace. 3.10: Dancing Paddy is not a natural jumper of fences and invariably blunders away winning chances. Sound Reveille looks plenty high enough

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in the handicap against the other two race-fit runners. Storm Alert is something of an Ascot specialist but could find it hard giving weight away to the potentially useful Callisoe Bay. Although the seven-yearold still has something to learn about jumping fences, he won in a fast time at Stratford on his seasonal reappearance and can take this.

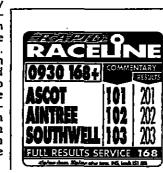


Castle Sweep to

3.40: Executive Design should be fit enough after having a pipe-opener on the Flat at Doncaster two weeks ago. Mary Reveley's hurdler jumps well and possesses a decent turn of foot. Kingsfold Pet would prefer softer ground. while the front-running Ground Nut will find it hard to dominate in this class of race. Romancer looks high in the handicap which leaves Kaitak as the main threat. He finished third at Wetherby 20 days ago and looked as though he would come on for the run.

Sovereigns Parade failed to progress after comfortably winning a novice event at Haydock on his first start over hurdles, but would have claims on that form and looks best of the remainder.

RICHARD EVANS



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# Prodigies reunited at school of hard knocks

FROM JOHN HOPKINS GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN SAN ROQUE

PAUL WAY and Mike McLean were two names to watch in British junior golf in the late Seventies. They were straight out of the Bash Street Kids, with mischief in their eyes and cheeks as rosy as Kentish apples. Irreverent and cocky, they brought fame to the Hugh Christie School in

Not that either was a keen student — one got into trouble for practising on the school playing fields — but it did not matter. Golf was going to be their livelihood, that much was certain. They were

Way was the cockier of the two, the more outspoken, the one who did everything at 100mph. He had all the confidence of youth. Alex Hay, the professional at Woburn and BBC commentator, once said that Way swung the club more naturally than anyone he had seen. Way was the powerful one: McLean, always a short hitter, the more subtle. Way tried to overpower courses. McLean to outwit them.

Born within three weeks of one another in 1963, they turned professional in 1981. It took McLean only two years to win a tournament, and that year. Way. who had been a Walker Cup player at 18, became the second youngest Ryder Cup player for Europe. £24,300, McLean £37,700. Even combined, it amounts to ES00.000 less than Colin Montgomerie won to finish top of the order of merit.

For the two men of Kent to compete on the European Tour next year, they had to submit themselves to the rigours of the qualifying school. and since they had done almost everything else in their careers together, it was appropriate that their attempts to regain former glories began yesterday at precisely the same time, on the same course.

As Way and McLean practised their putting before beginning their rounds, they were surrounded by former colleagues such as Brian

Marchbank, 38, the Scottish professional champion, and others they had never set eyes on before. "This is the second time I've been here," Marchbank, who competed on the Tour every year from 1979 to 1995, said. "I came last year

Leading scores ....

and didn't make it. If I don't make it this year, I shall definitely not be back again. I've had enough. I shall have to find something else to do." McLean began well. He birdied two holes going out, but came home in a nervous 39 for a 73, six strokes behind Matthew Goggin, of Australia, the lowest scorer at San Roque. "That typified the way l have played all year." Mc-Lean said. "I just cannot be as aggressive as I ought to be and then I start to steer the ball from the tee. When I do that, I miss fairways."

His visor had the word "Ambiance" printed on it. "It's the name of a neighbour's shirt company." McLean explained. "The neighbour sponsors me. He has a son who has muscular dystrophy and is in a wheelchair, and I spend a lot of time with him. He's great. He plays golf from his wheelchair. When I look at him, I wonder: 'Why do I worry about myself?'

Way, meanwhile, had had a nightmare of a round, in

which he missed the cut in 20 out of 26 events. Three strokes were squandered on the 8th. when his drive bounced on a cart-path and was never seen again, and when he left a putt short on the 10th, he swore in a way that would have earned him a fine for an audible obscenity had he been playing tennis. Was this really the man who had won the Dutch

pean Open in 1987? There is a saying on the Tour that you cannot win a tournament on the first day. but you can lose it. After an 81. the highest of the day at San Roque. Way has surely lost all chance of continuing after the

Open in 1982, the PGA champ-

ionship in 1985 and the Euro-

72-hole cut. "I played dreadful," Way said, indicating that 15 years on the circuit has indoctrinated him in Tourspeak. "This is ridiculous, desperate stuff. I just don't

know what's going on."
"I didn't enjoy that out there today," McLean said. "I know what the problem is with me. I have seen too many bad shots over the years and I worry about when one is going to come. Then I start steering the ball around and then I'm in trouble.

Way and McLean are only 33, the same age as Montgomerie and seven years younger than Costantino Rocca. They are worlds away from where they had once been. What

#### Unhappy Warnock states his case

BY DAVID POWELL

NEIL WARNOCK, the Plymouth Argyle manager, has taken the bold and unusual step of issuing a prepared statement to take his chair-man to task over his running of the club. So troubled is Warnock, who led his team to promotion last season, that his document runs to 900 words

Warnock stormed out of the Nationwide League second division home match with Chesterfield on Tuesday night before the final whistle, with Plymouth 3-0 down. "I went into the match against Chesterfield at my lowest ebb and told Mick Jones [his assistant] that mentally I was burnt out and now it was affecting my health." Warnock said in his statement, which he released I felt so bad I walked out ten minutes before the end because I had had enough."

vesterday to ensure that this should not be interpreted as a case similar to that of Steve Coppell. Coppell quit Manchester City, citing stress, but Warnock said yesterday that it was not that he cournot take the pressure, but that he was "mentally fed up" at what he regarded as a lack of support from Dan McCauley, the Plymouth chairman.

The manager was anxious

"It the club is in crisis," Warnock's statement read, The manager complains of his frustration at failing to secure a budget and an impending maximum wage and relocation structure that, he suggests, would restrict him to

non-League signings.

Warnock added yesterday
that: "If he [the chairman] does not want the club to go forward, he has got the wrong manager. If things are not resolved, and this cannot go on much longer, it is pointless

me carrying on."
Warnock said he was not worried how the Mairman might react to his statement. The worst thing that could /-happen is that I get the sack," Warnock said. I thought: 'What have I got to lose? ☐ Ivano Bonetti, the Tran-

mere Rovers forward, won his: civil lawsuit against Brief Laws, the former Grimsay Town manager, yesterday. A 💠 private hearing at the High Court in London ruled that Laws had no prospect of a successful defence and that a

The case followed a dressing-room incident on February 10, when Bonetti was a Grimsby player, after the first division match at Luton Town. The Italian was left with a fractured cheekbone. The amount of money he will receive in damages has yet to

# Woods is lost as Norman breezes round

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN SYDNEY

for a round with Bill Clinton vesterday afternoon, secure in the knowledge that the score he had posted in the morning. in the first round of the Australian Open at The Australian Club here, would be hard to beat. Sure enough, Norman's 67, five under par, was too good for the rest of the field, including Tiger Woods, who needed a birdie on the last hole to break 80 and was tied in 92nd place out of 126.

GREG NORMAN headed off

He was not alone, however. On a day when the breeze swirled every which way and only ten players broke par, Craig Parry and David Frost, both well-fancied, also had 79s. Klas Eriksson, a Swede who thinks Australian courses are wonderful, came closest to Norman, one shot behind. Robert Stephens, of Victoria, was third, on 69, with Gary Evans and David Howell, of

England, in the group on 70. Howell, 21, who is in his first year as a professional. started with an eagle three. double-bogeyed the short second, came back with four birdies and then dropped two shots in the last three holes. He is one of those rare beings that Woods now never will he was on a winning Walker Cup team, a member of the Great Britain and Ireland side that beat the United States, Woods included, at Royal

Porthcawl last year. Yesterday, after a frustrating round, Woods said: "It was a rough day. My good shots turned out bad and my bad shots turned out horrible. I felt my decision-making was pretty good but I just couldn't execute the shots. I was out of

rhythm. I've had a lot of days like that — more than I would like - but it's part of the game. I tried my heart out on each

and every shot." Norman, relaxed and affable, was more like his old self, unlike the sulky person who won the championship last year. Convinced that his collapse at the Masters in April was mechanical rather than mental, Norman has been working on a couple of swing changes with David Lead-"They're very. very minor, but they feel huge to me." he said, "and I feel naked out there. Probably nobody else notices the difference, but it feels very, very strange and difficult to me.

This being the Australian Open and Woods being here, Norman, the competitor, forgot about swing changes and had his best thinking day on the golf course for some months. "I focused on my shots, not my swing," he said afterwards. He did not lose concentration after 13 or 14 holes, as he admitted he had been doing, and six birdies in all, with four in the five holes from the 11th, confirmed that the Shark was sharp.

Later, at the New South Wales club, where the security men had been preparing for the presidential visit for a couple of weeks, the President's opening drive was enough for Norman to send back to the pro's shop for more

was complimentary of his playing partner. "Give me 60 days and I'd have him breaking 80 every day. He has a lot of talent and knows about the

# Customs officers knuckle down to duty

FROM MEL WEBB IN LA MANGA

IT WAS a fair cop; the forces of good had everybody bang to rights. The men from the Customs and Excise are used to making big-time arrests, and four of their number demonstrated their ability to feel collars yesterday when they moved in on the South course here and in one smooth operation laid one collective hand on a piece of crystalware with a street value of several thousand pounds.

The classy glass from Waterford Crystal is on offer to the national winners of The Times MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge, and no-



National Investigation Service of Her Majesty's Customs and Excise, who ended the first day of the competition with a four-point lead.

The Duty men — John Nicholson. Colin Tennant, Colin Shaw and Malcolm Woodall -- could be proud of their Stableford points total of 85 (or 99.875 including VAT). Admittedly, it was a perfect not easy, even when the conditions are as benign as

they were here. It is a fair golf course, but a tough one - those looking for easy conquests might as well push off somewhere down the costa where the sporting life is a little less taxing and where, no doubt, some of the Customs men's former clients are presently domiciled.

Customs and Excise have a narrow but potentially still vital advantage over ZET

THE SETIMES



David Tennant, of United Distillers, plays from the 7th of the South course yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Insurance Services, with the head office of Allied Dunbar third on 79, one ahead of the Northern Ireland Civil Service Sports Association and Seton Healthcare. The four felt last night that they still had a chance of victory, but deeds of derring-do will be

needed for it to happen. "We were aware from things that filtered down to us that we were in the lead." Nicholson, the team captain. said. "That put us under even more pressure, and although we knew the television cameras were going to be there, we still found them daunting. "We're really looking for-

ward to tomorrow, though.

SCORES Excise National Investigation Service. 81: ZET Insurance Services. 79: Allied Dunbar Head Office. 78: Northern Dundar Head Ornoe, 78: Normem Ireland Caril Service Sports Associ-ation: Seton Healthcare, 77: Arthur Andersen 78: United Distillers, 73: Armstrong Watson & Co. 71: Deloritte & Touche, 69: Jaguar Centre (Hull), 67: Reuters, 64: Charles Russell.

This is one of those experiences that you're lucky to have made to feel special." It seems that the two lead-

once in a lifetime and, wherever we finish, we're going back to England on Saturday having thoroughly enjoyed our trip here. We've been

best score on the front nine of 44, and relied on sound teamwork, apart from two high spots. The first came on the 9th, when Tennant rammed in a high-speed putt from not far short of 30 feet for a birdie

ing teams have been drawn together by kismet — they had only seven-point haul. Meanwhile, mayhem ennever met before they travsued by the 18th green when elled to Spain together on Tuesday, but already all eight

ZET team, put his ball high in are firm friends. Off the course, that is - on it they are a palm tree alongside the trying, in the civilised way putting surface. Lait was told that golfers do these things, to he had to identify his ball before he could take a penalty drop, and in the end it was left The leaders produced the Scott Moffat, one of the Challenge support team; to shin up the tree and knock Lait's ball down.

It involved ladders, metal rods and, finally, a golf club before the ball was dislodged. "It's not mine," Lait said with a broad grin. And the truly amazing thing is that some-

the 15th, where they had their

David Lait, a member of the

#### The other highlight came on **SPORTS LETTERS**

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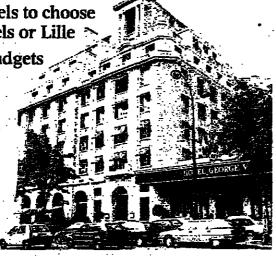
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CHANGING TIMES

#### Telford championships offer worthy stage

From Mr John Cuffley

Sir, I found it difficult to relate my experience at the British national tennis championships to the comments in the opening paragraphs of Alix Ramsay's report (November

The championships probably do come as a bit of a culture shock to a few of our top players, but this event gives a considerable number of up-and-coming players the opportunity to have a go at the leading British performers in serious competition, thereby not only improving their skills and experience but also, in some cases, beating them. That is the way to develop new

champions. I am surprised that the absence of windows in the building is criticised. There are plenty in the social area. Sport played indoors at this level needs to have good, even lighting conditions which the Telford Racquet Centre pro-

putting woes of Mike Clayton

Winter Alliance at Royal

Aberdeen. Into the teeth of a

howling gale, at the shortish par four 5th hole, he had hit

two mighty blows to reach the

green and as he stalked his

putt. he took the flagstick out

of the cup and laid it to the side

afternoon singles).

vides, especially in the centre court used for the main matches. Nobody there needs to look at the passing scene, while players, officials and spectators do not want the distraction of shadows or bright patches of sunlight on court due to changing conditions

As for enthusiasm, most players showed great commitment and effort, though a few tended to acknowledge through body language, before the last point, when a lost match seemed inevitable. The spectators, however, especially for the centre court, were numerous, appreciative, understanding and encouraging, even in the earlier stages of the

The spectators were particularly tolerant of the temper

tantrums shown at times by one or two players, some of whom progressed to the later rounds. Some should have been old enough to know bett-

of the hole. Before he putted, Rub of the green the force of the wind rolled the From Mr Alan Wells flagstick across the green and hit the ball. There was reput-Sir. Your article about the edly much amusement and no

(November 16) reminded me penalty (if any) involved, of an unusual incident on the The decision taken by Hargreen, experienced by the prolessional, Harry Bannerman (of 1971 Ryder Cup fame, when he halved with Arnold Palmer in the morning and beat Gardner Dickinson in the A few years ago Harry was playing in the North East flagstick struck the ball.

Yours faithfully.

ALAN S. WELLS,

33 Mosside Drive,

Portlethen, Aberdeen.

ry was a two-stroke penalty. which, with the nature of the weather and the scoring, was all fairly academic, but I've often wondered what the Royal and Ancient's ruling would have been as the ball did not strike the flagstick, but the

little consternation as to the

Grimmett was sadly missed in 1936-37 and 1938 by his old partner, O'Reilly. Yours faithfully, P. A. TYLER. Wildwood, The Hyde, Winchcombe, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Sports Letters may be sent by fax to 0171-782 5211.

#### Unhappy memories for Astle

From Mr John Moynihan

parties attended during the Sir, Keith Pike included Jeff week for coaching, as well as Astle's "sad toe-poke" for England against Brazil in the 1970 World Cup finals in his list of great football misses (Novem-

> I was sitting among a group of England supporters a few yards away from the net in Guadalajara, Mexico, that steaming hot day when the England substitute (for Bobby Charlton) was presented with glorious chance of putting his team level after Jairzinho had put Brazil ahead in the

We were still savouring the magic of Gordon Banks's save from Pele at the same end in the first half and a goal from the West Bromwich Albion striker would have capped an extraordinary afternoon for

From Mr C. J. F. Pavey

the followers of the reigning World Cup champions.

A toe-poke might well have done the trick — but with Felix quivering yards away as a. redundant goalkeeper. Astlewith two open farm gates 🧓 aim at used his left foot to shoot too quickly past the near left-hand post.

shoulders sagging. My friend Harry from Liverpool turned to me, his face squinting rage. By Christ, did you see that?" He could have blown the bugger in. My grandma could have put that away . . . . I can still hear the Brazilian

fans yelling with glee ... and so too must Jeff Astle.

#### Sadly missed

Sir. When John Woodcock From Mr P. A. Tyler writes The pity is that he Sir. Sir Donald Bradman's [Mike Brearley] never pitted his wits against West Indies place among the great Test captains is indisputable, but he refers to Test matches. John Woodcock (The Great Here are a couple of extracts from Wisden on the 1976 sea-son: "Middlesex won by four Captains, November 13) is mistaken when he names Grimmwickets, inflicting on West ett as one of the bowlers who Indies the first defeat of their contributed to Bradman's suctour. The badly under-strcessful captaincy. O'Reilly, Lindwall, Miller, yes; but the ength Middlesex team performed wonders ... and T. N. end of Grimmett's Test career Pearce's XI won by two wickcoincided with Bradman's accession to the leadership of ets. This second defeat of the tour for the West Indies fol-Australia. He never played a Test match under Bradman. lowed that by Middlesex at

Lord's early in August and as eight Middlesex players were in Pearce's XI, it was another personal triumph for Brearley." That Brearley never led England against West Indies is a matter of wide regret.

Cloud Rift, 35 The Avenue, Camberley, Surrey

#### Unhappy motto

ers themselves.

The West Bromwich Albion fanzine (Grorty Dick) has adopted a motto which is particularly appropriate to our club and, I'm sure, to many others. Under a shield, with a distinctly unhappy version of the club's traditionthrostle, is the maxim Semper te fallant [sic] (They always let you down)!

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I recorded in my diary: Astle stood there with his

Sincerely, JOHN MOYNIHAN, 102 Ifield Road, SW10.

From Mr David J. Watkin. Sir, Professor Emeritus Herbert H. Huxley's letter (Nov-ember 15), discussing the use of Latin mottoes by professional football clubs, prompts me to share with your readers perhaps the only example of their use by football support-

Yours faithfully: DAVID J. WATKIN, West Midlands

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# Brilliance of Becker is too much for Sampras

FROM DAVID MILLER IN HANOVER

N A little more than two hours of clorious tennis, Boris Becker, the Australian Open champion who turns 29 today, defeated Pete Sampras, the US Open champion, 7-6, 7-6, in the round-robin stage of the world championship of the Association of Tennis Professionals. The two sets contained a torrent of brilliant shots by both men, adversity being instantly met with counter-attack. Sampras had his chances to have won either set, and not just in die first tie-break.

On a day that began with Andre Agassi, who has pulled out of the rest of the tournament because of illness, being fined five per cent of his tour earnings for the year - some £35,000 and excluding grand-slam event winnings, which for him has not been much - Becker and Sampras brought adventure, courage, excellence and dignity. Agassi's fine was for failing to appear at the draw on Monday, rather than playing like a dunce against Sampras on Wednesday.

After his straight-sets victory against Yevgeny Kafelnikov on the opening day, Becker is assured of his place in the semi-finals tomorrow, though it is worth noting that on the four occasions that he and Sampras have previously met in the round-

RESULTS

ROUND ROBIN: White group: G lyanisevi (Crs) bt R Kralicek (Holf) 6-4, 6-7, 7-6; M Chan (US) bt Ivanisevic 8-7, 7-6, 8-1. Red group: Becker (Ger) bt P Sampras (US) 7-6, 7-6.

robin stage, the loser has gone on to win the final.

These were the best two consecutive sets I have seen this year. After Becker's five-set victory over Sampras in the final in Stuttgart three weeks ago, Sampras knew well enough beforehand that he would again be confronting both Becker and a boisterous home crowd. Yet the 15,000 spectators in the exhibition hall were predominantly as sporting as the contestants.

Only towards the finish, and specially on the two match points. -\_\_\_ did Sampras become irritated by one or two shours of bias. When, during the exciting first set, a few spectators had cheered a first service fault, the bulk of the audience had whistled disapprovingly.
It soon became evident that this

match was to be something special. The second, third and fourth games ran to a total of eight deuces and 34 points, including three break points, four of them Sampras's, and none of them secured.

The first constituous unforced error did not arrive until the 28th point of the match, as Becker tenaciously, and successfully, fought to hold his serve for 2-2. With an open court at 40-0, he put a forehand volley at the net just beyond the baseline.

Both men revealed the level of nerve and a technical quality that has: won them a multitude of championships, Becker being the leading contemporary player in the accumulation of indoor titles. At times he may seem like a bull, and yesterday his was the more severe serve over the two hours. Yet at moments he can tread his way through the trickiest of china shops with a fine touch that belies his muscularity. He could never intimidate Sampras, however, whose temperament throughout was Becker's equal.

When Sampras led 54 and two double faults by Becker left the German standing three set points down, the set seemed surely to belong to Sampras. Now we saw Becker at his inimitable best.

Two aces followed by a superb, deep forehand volley brought him to deuce. Another ace and a rally that ended with dinked cross-court backhand by Sampras that dropped wide made it 5-5.

Becker led 5-3 in the tie-break and then had his first set point 6-5. Each in turn had two set points as the score climbed to 9-9. A third for Becker was denied him in a 16-stroke rally when Sampras eventually forced him into a forehand error. On his fourth set point, at 11-10, Becker got home after another long rally.

Neither man could sustain such a level of play and the second set proceeded almost ordinarily to 3-3. Becker trailed 30-0, only to unearth once more his powers of resilience. A retrieving half-volley, then another retrieving backhand — when he fell but still climbed back to his feet to put away a winner on his next shot gave him 30-all. He was then 40-30 down, yet still saved the game to lead

Sampras had a further chance to level the match when he broke service to lead 5-4. Becker replied by breaking back for 5-5.

It went to another tie-break and in a trice, Becker was leading 4-0. Sampras clambered back to 5-3, but an ace gave Becker two match points. Sampras, after a long wait for the noise to subside, saved the first with a deep second service, but two superb backhands by Becker carried the day. ☐ Britain begin their quest to win promotion to the champions' division of the European Women's Team Championship today when they play Denmark at the Redbridge Sports

Centre, Barkingside, Essex. The other teams in the blue group of the first division are Poland, who Britain play tomorrow, and Spain, their opponents on Sunday, who are favourines to win the group and promotion. The Britain team consists of Sam Smith, Rachel Violett, Clare Wood and Megan Miller.

The team that finishes second in the group will remain in the first on, while the two teams in third and fourth places will be relegated to the second.



# Martinez makes break point

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN NEW YORK

TENNIS players are a strange breed. The pampered few can, and will. complain about absolutely anything. This week at the Chase Championships has been no exception, with the top players having a good old moan about how hard they have to work for their not inconsiderable pay packets. The season is too long, there are no breaks, holidays are few and far between - it is a tough life as a millionaire tennis player.

It is also remarkable how complaining and losing seem to go hand in hand. All those who have expressed doubts over the new ranking system, due to come into effect next year, have either lost at Madison Square Garden or come here on the back of a defeat elsewhere. The new system is designed to encourage players to play more: the more tournaments you play, the better your chances of moving up the rankings.

Steffi Graf, who pulled out of the final in Philadelphia last week. Conchita Martinez, who lost in the

first round of the same tournament. and Monica Seles, who retired injured here on Tuesday, have all complained that they are too tired to 6-4, 7-6 in 71 minutes. play their best all year round. Certainly, Martinez was not at her best but was good enough to defeat

Judith Wiesner 6-1, 3-6, 6-4, in the first round on Wednesday night. It was not a great match. Martinez is still suffering from a virus and, to make matters worse, she tweaked a hamstring at the end of the second set. But against Wiesner she did enough. With the win in the bag, Martinez promptly announced that, ideally, she would like the players to have three months off at the end of

every year.
"I think that the season is too long, we play a lot of tournaments this year with the Olympics, Fed Cup - it is really way too much," she said. "We are one of the few sports that doesn't have an off-season and we are fighting for that. Hopefully, one day we will get it and then we can have time to recover from our injuries." Her compatriot, Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, is only angling for a two-month break but is still adding her

weight to the argument. She made her way into the quarter-finals by beating Brenda Schultz-McCarthy

Since she overtook Graf at the top of the rankings at the beginning of last year, Sanchez Vicario has not been the same player. This year she has reached a hatful of finals but has seldom man ed to win. She was so fed up with life last month that she took a holiday and did not touch a racket for three weeks. "I think it's true that we don't have so much time off because there are so many tournaments and you have to play most of them," she said. "But I think three months off is too much."

Two players, though, Jana Novotna and Martina Hingis, have hit too form on their way to Manhattan and there has not been a peep out of them about their workload. In fact, Novoma, having brushed aside Amanda Coetzer 6-4, 6-1 to increase her winning streak to 13 matches, said: "I am looking forward to the ranking change. The system we had in the past was encouraging players not to play, and I think that's not right."

SAILING

#### Tibbs takes lead as fleet heads for Horn

BY EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

CHRIS TIBBS, the skipper of Concert, who surprised many by finishing third in the first leg of the BT Global Challenge, took the early lead in the second as the fleet headed south towards Cape Horn yesterday, with a 20-knot easterly breeze pushing them along under full canvas.

This is a stage that proved decisive for the winning yacht. Nuclear Electric, last time round. Barring gear failure in the Southern Ocean, the chances are that the crew which gets to the Horn first will get away into new and stronger winds first, and not get caught before the finish at Wellington, New Zealand.

Four years ago, John Chittenden, then skipper of Nuclear Electric, made a break to the east of the pack as the fleet ran down the Brazilian coast and managed to pull out a lead of over 200 miles, which was enough to set up his overall victory. The early part of the second leg is a particularly tactical one, with the navigators and skippers having to decide whether to stay inshore or head out, as Chittenden did.

Two days after a wet and misty restart in light winds off Rio, it is too early for any dramatic moves. The yachts are closely bunched over a 50mile front with only 14 miles between the leader and backmarker, Adrian Donovan's Heath Insured II.

Tibbs, who had the best start, has managed to hold his lead for now, but he is being pressed closely by the second placed finisher in leg one, Simon Walker, on Toshiba Wave Warrior, with Andy Hindley, on Save The Child-ren, on his heels.

Richard Merriweather, on Commercial Union, is in fourth place while the disabled crew on Time & Tide are doing well to hold ninth position. two places ahead of Mike Golding, the race leader, on Group 4, who had one of the worst starts. Among the skippers who will be hoping for a more convincing performance this leg is Richard Tudor, who has the helm on Nuclear Electric. He was one of the pre-race favourites, but never recovered from sticking to the African coast on the first leg and emerged at Rio in tenth place, neary 41 hours behind Golding.

A message from his crew, who were in fifth position yesterday, summed up feelings for many. The Rio start was a far cry from our departure from Southampton with only a handful of boats to see us off." From Group 4, meanwhile, signs of nervousness about what is coming after Cape Horn. "Our emotions are in turmoil as we set off on this most daunting leg." INBRIEF

#### Spracklen named as women's coach

MIKE SPRACKLEN, rowing coach to Steve Redgrave when he won his Olympic gold medals in Los Angeles and Seoul, is to return from the United States to join the British coaching team for the next Olympic Games (Mike Rosewell writes). He will be the women's chief coach from January 1.

Spracklen's American eights won world champion-ship medals each year from 1993 to 1995.

With possible lottery money still awaited, the funding of the new position comes from XP Plc, which has sponsored the rapidly-improving British women's squad for two years under the coaching of Bill

#### Scotland ahead

Golf: Ernie Els and Wayne Westner, revelling in waterlogged conditions at the Erinvale course in Somerset West, South Africa, gave the home nation a two-stroke lead on the first day of the World Cup of Golf yesterday. The South Africans had an eightunder-par combined score of 136, ahead of Denmark. Scotland finished third on 139, thanks to scores of 69 from Paul Lawrie and 70 from Andrew Coltart.

#### Hope fading

Tenpin bowling: Gemma Burden, Britain's last hope in the Pepsi/AMF World Cup at the Dundonald Ice Bowl in Belfast, is fifth but looking resigned to losing the women's title she won last year in Brazil. In the men's singles, Paeng Nepomuceno, of the Phillipines, stretched his lead to 385 pins over his nearest rival, Sam Goh, of Singapore.

#### Hearing delayed

Athleties: The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) acceded to legal pressure yesterday and delayed the arbitration hearing for the drugs case of the Australian sprinter, Dean Capobianco. who tested positive for the stemid. stanozolol, at a meeting in Holland last May.

☐ John Walker, 44, the New Zealand world record miler and Olympic gold-medal winner, has Parkinson's disease. Walker was the first miler to run under 3min 50sec.

#### Snow advances

Real tennis: Julian Snow, the British No I. underlined his good form when he reached the semi-finals of the British Land British open championship, defeating Ruaraidh Gunn for the loss of only five games. The Harbour Club professional, Lachie Deuchar, also reached the last four by coming through 6-5 in the final set against his fellow Australian, Frank Filippelli.

#### TOR HERECORD NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL: CONFERENCE CLUB APPOINTS NEW MANAGER

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MONTE CARLO: Monte Carlo Women's Open: First round: M Martin (Aus) bt R Macroe (Eng) 9-5, 9-5, 9-5, C Owene (Aus) bt J Martin (Eng) 9-5, 9-5, 9-5, C Colectman (Eng) bt R Cooper (Aus) 9-1, 19-4, 9-4; J Wilson (NZ) bt S Schöne (Ger) 10-8, 10-9, 9-2, 1-9, 7-9, 9-6, S Homer (Eng) bt C Nethology (SA) 9-1, 9-7, 9-9-6, S Homer (Eng) bt C Nethology (Aus) 9-1, 9-9, 9-4; S FezGeratd (Aus) bt P Beanne (NZ) 10-8, 9-5, 9-6

··· TENNIS NEW YORK: Women's Tennis As world championship: Pirst round: J Novotre (C2) bi A Costzer (SA) 6-4, 6-1, C Martinez (Sp) bi J Wiesener (Austria) 6-1, 3-6, 6-4; A Senchez Vicano (Sp) bi B Schultz-McCarthy (Holl) 6-4, 7-6.

TENPIN BOWLING

OSAKA, Japan: World super challenge: Holland to Japan 15-5, 14-16, 15-0, 15-3, baly fot South Korea 15-4, 13-15, 15-5, 16-14; Yugoslavia bl China 15-8, 15-6, 15-4

By Walter Gammie

Vauxhall Conference match

against Hednesford Town on

CASTLEREAGH, Northern Ireland: World Cup: Leading positions: Men (after 32 games): 1, P Neportuceno (Pri) 6,941pins: 2, L Mortlort (Sp) 6,717. 3, G Bullegato (t) 6,710; 4, S Merzoogi (LAE) 6,882; 5, D Hylen (LIS 6,585. Women (after 32 games): 1, S Zukilli (Maley) 6,726pins: 2, P Aalto (Pin) 6,828: 3, C Honeychutch (Aus) 6,622; 4, A ven den Boogaart (Hott) 6,507; 5, G Burden (Eng) 6,473.

VOLLEYBALL

home to Bedworth United.

KETTERING Town, having "That was a disaster," Peter been turned down by Graham Mallinger, the Kettering Roberts, have appointed Steve Berry as player-manager. Berry, 33, had been in temporary charge since the club dis-Mallinger accepted Robmissed Gary Johnson last month after Kettering had drawn only 720 people to Rockingham Road for a

chairman, said. "You couldn't sustain this club on that support. The fans voted with

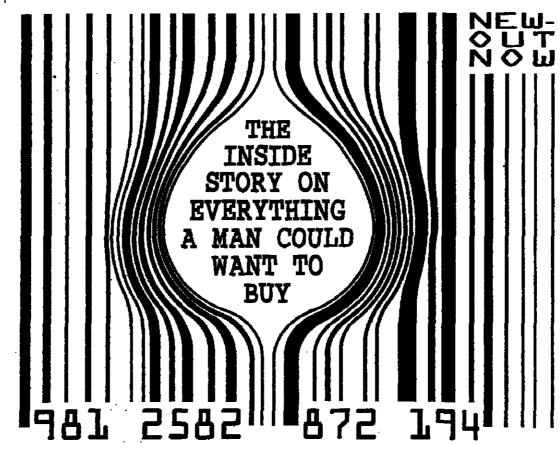
erts's decision to stay with Yeovil Town. "Obviously, being top of the [Icis] league, they were keen to keep him." he said. "I would have been

the heels of FA Cup defeat at the same." Berry, he feels, has similar qualities to Roberts. "Steve's got all the creden-

tials you'd want in a playermanager," he said. "He's got experience playing in the Football League, with Sunderland. Swindon, Portsmouth and Northampton. He was captain of Stevenage when they won the championship last season, so he's also got a good understanding of the Conference and the feeder leagues."

Kettering pick Berry to win back supporters Berry has given up a job with an employment agency in Northampton to take up the

> full-time appointment. Jake King will tomorrow take Telford United to Dover Athletic for his first match since being made manager in succession to Wayne Clarke, who resigned from the job at Bucks Head after 18 months. King had been assistant manager at Newtown, the Gilbert League of Wales club.





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# All I want for Christmas is my Ruud Gullit windscreen scraper



Kicking and Screaming

the star system in football used to mean nothing to me. Rewinding the tape to the start of Euro 96, I seem to remember I would sit in my seat at Wembley and think the England team were all jumped-up nobodies. "So who does Teddy Sheringham play for usually, when he isn't doing this?" I would half-heartedly ask my long-suffering friend. Robert. "Tottenham." he would reply. And I'd nod and sigh and make a mental note, but think secretly: "Well, you could be making that up, couldn't you? Nobody would care."

But it turns out that the individual fame of footballers is significant. These men are big stars, and there are hundreds of them piled up in a great starry pyramid. And the aston-ishing thing is, they really deserve their personal recognition. If I met David Beckham, i would feel compelled to shake him by the hand. If I met David Ginola, I'd faint.

Having begun this strange career thinking football was all about abstract things such as league position and club loyalty, I now fully understand the bizarre demand for Ryan Giggs bedlinen. Though I have still not seen Newcastle United in the flesh, when the great day finally arrives, I'll be yelling: "Look, look! It's good old Peter Beardsley!" Just as I might applaud Leo Mckern or Dora Bryan making an entrance on the

All this starry-eyed stuff is intended to explain why so little of Blackburn Rovers' game at Ewood Park last Saturday made an impression on me. Chelsea were the visitors, and it was a good and interesting match, but, quite honestly, when superstar-hero Ruud Gullit is coaching from the touchline just a few yards in front of you, in a slim black tracksuit of transcendent elegance, it's rather difficult to take in anything else. Ruud! Ruud! Is it really you? You look just like you do on telly!

Others weren't so excitable, of course. "Sit down!" angry Blackburn supporters yelled, gesticulating in case he couldn't hear. Ruud chose to ignore their complaints and remained standing, which pleased me a lot, because when he was sitting



Stocking filler: "When Gullit is coaching from the touchline, just a few yards in front of you, it is rather difficult to take in anything else"

down I had to swivel 90 degrees in my seat to keep him in view, and could no longer pretend to be watching the match at all. "Sit down, ya great softy!" the fans persisted. Softy? Now I know why crowd scuffles break out, if ignorant views of that

calibre are allowed free expression.
It was probably just as well to be hedged around by Blackburn sup-porters; it kept the lid on my protective instincts. When Chelsea's Italians were greeted with boos and "Get back to Spain!" I was obliged to chew the lip; and when Chelsea equalised at the end of the second half. I velled a very short "Ye . . !" (without the "s") and performed that burn-stuck-tochewing-gum movement where you begin to stand up but then think better of it. The irony was, I don't support Chelsea. In fact, I don't support anybody. But I had inadvertently bought a seat in the middle of a season-ticket enclave, where even keen neutrality was a bad idea. "You've got to admit it's getting good

now!" I said. "It's one-all! Cheer up!" The home fans had every reason to

own views as to what has gone is a fault that could well be

attributed to the loss of two

experienced international de-

lenders this year. Kath John-

Johnson, one of the few

outstanding players in Brit-

ain's Olympic campaign, is

taking a break and has yet to

decide her future, while Cope

has signed for the four-times

former champions, Slough.

after moving to London to

continue her academic career.

is unthinkable. "We have a

superb forward line and once

we can give them a consistent

supply. I know they will

They will have to start

The Yorkshire club has

already hammered the title-

holders. Hightown, 8-2, and

has earned a reputation as a

Victory at Doncaster could

prove to be the turning point

for the luckless Midlanders.

After that, they have one more

fixture before the extended

break to begin to turn around

Blanks added: "There's a

big time gap between Decem-

ber and the end of February

and, although we have the

quality players to turn it

round. I keep saying that you

don't win matches on paper. you win them on the pitch."

Doncaster tomorrow

convert the chances."

tough, robust team.

their fortunes.

Relegation, Blanks insists,

son and Lucy Cope.

#### 'He limbered up beautifully and finally took the field. It was all too much'

the first half, Blackburn played like a whirlwind — but a whirlwind which repeatedly swept the ball up to the goalmouth, and then failed to tip it anywhere near the net. "Oooh!" the fans wailed (a lot), and put hands to

"If we still had Shearer, we'd be three-up by now," a grizzled Glaswegian nearby moaned, and it was one of the saddest and most unanswerable complaints I've ever heard. Being a post-Shearer Blackburn supporter must make you feel all helpless and bereft — like being Lois Lane in peril with Superman kryptonised in the next room. Just to rub it in, the energetic Chelsea fans chanted "Shearer, Shearer!" - which was damned subtle of them.

"Well it's true, you've had lots of chances." I sympathised with the feel robbed by the draw, actually. In grizzled Scot, "You're playing much

better than Chelsea. Look, your goalie is freezing to death down there." But my nice moment of contact with the season-ticket man was soon dispelled, and it was all my fault. "Who's your striker now, then?" I asked, gently. "Sutton," he said. "Oh, right, of course, Sutton," I said, flipping the pages of my programme, unable to disguise the fact I'd never heard of him. "And is Sutton playing

today? What does he look like? Meanwhile, the Chelsea side swarmed with sexy Italians. Ruud limbered up beautifully and finally took the field, and it was all too much. In the interests of good entertain-ment, I wanted Chelsea to make a good show, and while their spectacular dives were derided by the Blackburn fans, I saw the assorted leaps and skids as just proof of boundless Latin athleticism and continental flair. Besides which, the ground was

The new man, Zola, who is small and nippy, once actually somersaulted on contact, if I'm not mistaken. But those who booed him should consider that he was only obeying the laws of physics: when the players banged into one another. Zola must have been going at twice the speed of the other bloke.

Vialli was a Trojan, Gullit an inspiration, and it seemed silly for the home fans not to enjoy them. What I didn't like to say to the season-ticket brigade was this: if Blackburn sold Shearer for £15 million, why don't they buy some stars of their own?

Where's the money gone? But I had stars on the brain on Saturday, having been the same dis-tance from Ruud Gullit as I am now from that light switch, or that doorpost (the top of the stairs is too far). If the Chelsea club shop stocks Ruud Gullit shower mitts, or Ruud Gullit fridge fresheners, or Ruud Gullit windscreen scrapers, I shall be putting them on my Christmas list at

#### RADIO CHOICE

# The meringue A addiction

In the Grip of the Glossies. Radio 4 (FM), 10.00am.

In the Grip of the Glossies. Radio 4 (FM), 10.000m.

"The whole world is washed with pink when a girl gets engaged."

That's the kind of textual meringue the Scots poet Liz Lochhead guiped down out of women's magazines — "a source of mystery, metaphor, colour and poetry"—when she was a teenager. She would mourn for the death of romantic magic when told that vanishing cream was just another name for colourless foundation. As for those tips the glossies offered on "how to get your man — and keep him", it was all June and moon stuff. Sex meant gender, not intercourse. Lochhead is older and wiser now. Nova, aimed at the liberated woman, pointed to the future when it gleefully announced: "Another jolly Christmas issue: adultery, rape, eroticism, extortion!"

Preoccupations. Radio 3, 2.00pm.

Preoccupations. Radio 3, 2.00m.

It's serious when one of our leading sopranos has to quit a theatre, because, on stage, someone is wrestling with a 15ft make believe python. But that's Susan Bullock for you. Or rather, that's herphobia. She has a horror of snakes. The prop snake was being used in The Magic Flute. But running out on Mozart was nothing compared with what happened on a train. She made a fellow passenger empty his duffel bag because she was sure it held a snake. There was nothing more reptilian in it than T-shirt and shorts. Preoccupations ends with some snake music by Michael Berkeley and Respighi. Bullock had left the studio by this time.

7.00mm Chris Evans 9.00 Simon Mayo, includes Golden Hour 12.00 Lisa l'Anson, includes at 12.30pm-12.45 Newsbeat and at 1.15 The Net 2.00 Newspeat and at 1.75 rie wer zu-Nicky Campbel 4.00 Merk Gooder, Includes at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat and at 6.30 The Continuous Dance Mk 7.00 Essantial Selection, with Pete Tong 10.00 One in the Jungle 12.00 Radio 1 Rap Show, with Tim Westwood 3.00em Annie Nightingale 5.00 Clairs Sturgess

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6.00am On Air. Includes Scharwenka (Piano Concento No 4 in F minor); Plazolla

12.00 Composers of the Week: Bartok and Kodaly, includes Bartok (Finding a Husband, Hungarian Folk Songs, 1930) 1.00pm News; Bristol Lunchfime

Concerts: Haydn Plue. From St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol, introduced by Chris de Souza. 2.00 Preoccupations. See Choice 2.15 Music Restored (r)

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3.00 Mining the Archive. To celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Britten, on St Ceolla's Day, musicians who worked with him discuss his legacy.
5.00 The Music Machine.
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Longford Community School join Ensemble Bash at Harrow Arts Centre, London 5.15 in Tune, with Jeremy Nicholas, including Johann Strauss (L'Enfantillage) 6.30 A competition to raise money for the Children in Need

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9.10 Outriders. Chris Cutler, oise-maker, discusses ternative notions of culture Zehetmair's Bech. (r)
10.00 Hear and Now.
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10.00 Hear and Now.
Performances at last month's Oxford Festival of Contemporary Music include the Norwegian Bit 20 Ensemble performing Rolf Waltin (Boyl)

12.00 Composers of the Week: Cherubini and Spontini (r)

1.00am Through the Night, with Donald Macleod, includes 1.00 Monteverdi, Penderecki, Vivaldi, J.C. Bach, Mozart.

Vivaldi, J.C. Bach, Mozart Stravnsky 4.45 Brahms 6.00 Sequence

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Glossies (FM). See Choice
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10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour with
11.30 The Natural History

Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whitisker
12.25pm The Food Programme, with Darek Cooper 12.55
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1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarks

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the country, British cities are
investing in new concert halfs and art complexes. But what are the motives behind this urban cultural expansion and what effect, it any, do they have on city life? (r) 9.59

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look at the week's events
11.45 African Harvest (r)
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#### HOCKEY

## Blanks comes out fighting

By a Special Correspondent

wrong, but we're doing all we

Fighting talk. Nonetheless.

it is an alarming slide for the

club that has finished runners-

up three times, and qualified

for Europe after winning the

team has performed well

against the top sides but has

Blanks is adamant that the

can to rectify the situation."

DESPITE his team's failure to win a match this season and their position at the bottom of the women's national league premier division, Kevin Blanks, the Leicester manager, will not hear talk of gloom

and doom at the club. 'l can categorically state that there is no crisis," he said. "Of course, we are not happy at the way things have worked out this season and I have my

been guilty of leaking goals. It

WORD-WATCHING

title in 1994.

WALLAROO

(a) A large species of kangaroo. Macropus robustus. In Queensland and New South Wales applied chiefly to the black variety. From the native Australian wolaru. "the wallaroo, of a blackish colour, with coarse shaggy fur, inhabiting the hills."

(b) The female wigeon, Mareca penelope, apparently from the Scottish echoic verb when to whistle. I have put up in a box a WAMBLE

(a) A rolling or uneasiness in the stomach, a feeling of nausea. Probably two or more words have coalesced. Eg the Latin voměrě Greek emein to vomět, Old English walm to boil, and Old High German wimidon to move or stagger. "Our meat going downe into the stomacke merily, and with pleasure, dissolveth incontinently all wambles."

(c) A civil governor of a Turkish province or vilayet. From the Arabic wali. The form valie occurs in the translation of Chardin's The Coronation of Solyman, 1686. The Times, 1903: "The corrupt and inefficient government of the Vali of Beirut

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#### **BOXING**

#### Ayers waits on Duff's record offer

MICHAEL AYERS, the British lightweight champion, is awaiting confirmation from Mickey Duff. the London promoter, about his offer of £100,000 to meet Billy Schwer, of Luton (Srikumar Sen writes).

Duff had made the record offer to the winner of the bout between Ayers and Colin Dunne, in which Ayers, of l'ooting, retained his title in style by stopping Dunne in the ninth round at Wembley Conference Centre on Wednesday night. On the same bill. Schwer, who is managed. by Duff, made hard work of stopping the journeyman box-

er, Jean Moulun, of France. The champion who is due to challenge Artur Grigorian. of Russia, for the World Boxing Organisation title in the new year, said he was ready to meet Schwer as soon as Duff puts the money on the

"I'll fight Schwer any time if Mickey Duff pays the £100,000 he was offering. We are the best two lightweights in the country and the fans have been waiting for two years to see us fight. I think we should get it on. The sooner I can get rid of Schwer. the sooner I'll get the respect I

#### SQUASH

#### **Plucky Walker misses** final by a whisker

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN IN KARACHI CHRIS WALKER failed by a single point against Rodney Eyles, the second-seeded Australian, to become the third

successive Englishman to reach a World Open final against Jansher Khan here Walker, 29, from Colchester, had been two games down and 5-0 down in the third

before the Australian allowed him a toe-hold that, in a brilliant fightback, Walker built into a 14-12 match-ball opportunity.
The Englishman, recently

promoted to No 4 in the world. wears the logo of Dolphin Square, in London, where he lives and trains, on the front of his shirt. On the back is the e-mail address of the magazine of which he is sports fitness correspondent. "I won't take much joy in telling them

this story," he said. Joy was what he brought, though, to Karachi's squash enthusiasts, through his 73-minute 15-12, 15-7, 14-15, 4-15, 15-14 effort after they had watched, approvingly yet not fully satisfied, as Jansher, the defending champion, dismissed Peter Nicol, of Scotland. 15-9, 15-9, 15-8 in the

other semi-final. Nicol was almost as fed-up as Walker. These referees

give Jansher so much leeway." he complained. "The rest of us chase our legs off getting to the ball. He just asks for a let, gets it every time, and does half the work. There was a point at 8-8 in our third game where he was definitely tired and might have broken through, but the ref gave him a whole

series of easy lets and a penalty stroke to recover on." Walker needed no such cosseting. Nor, to his credit, did Eyles, despite having to escape from a similarly tough situation against Zubair Jahan in the quarter-finals. "So long as I can do it in the final as well, I won't care," the

He had looked a certain winner as he strode to 5-0 in the third game of the semifinal. Then I committed the cardinal sin. I started thinking about the final. By the time I got my concentration back, Chris was up and flying.'

Walker forced the third game to a single-point tiebreak and won it when Eyles snatched a backhand into the tin. He won the fourth in just five hands and recovered from 1-5 and 4-8 in the fifth to lead 14-12. But, in the long run, it was the calm concentration of the Australian that again got him out of trouble.

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THE STATE CALLS

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# A woman's place is on the pitch, official

arlequins rugby football club is 130 years old - so it should come as no surprise that the gentlemen of the club have pretty much perfected the sidestep by now. But still, watching them execute their clever little shimmies last night, so neatly and with such perfect timing, was a joy to behold.

Each time the makers of Women with Balls (Channel 4) charged, the brave Twickers chaps stood their ground . . . only to step elegantly out of the way at the last moment. I don't think they shout ole at rugby matches, but on the evidence of this perhaps they should.

Watching a documentary maker miss the intended target is rarely going to be as enjoyable as it was watching Alison Millar, the director, miss hers. Hard as she tried. as she charted the progress of Harlequins Ladies in their inaugu-ral season, the men of Harlequins stood firm. They had done their homework, they stuck to the game plan, they all remembered what happened when a Channel 4 documentary team turned up at Northwood golf club a couple of. years ago. Once again, the game of cherchez le chauvinist was underway.

"So," said the quiet little female

voice behind the camera, "what do you think of the women's game?" The big burly man with a big burly pint of beer in his hand gave it a couple of seconds thought "Fantastic." Drat. The quiet little female voice — so sweet, so innocent, so certain that sooner or later one of these lunks would play into her hands, moved on "So, how do you think they are playing?" Dick Best, a former England coach and a very important person at Harle-quins, hunched his shoulders against the Sunday morning wind: "Outstanding." He had a point — Kirstie and the gang were in the

process of putting 136 points past opposition so bad they weren't

And so it went on. "What do you think of Camilla playing rugby? "Absolutely fantastic," said her proud father. "Do you think there'll ever be a female president of Harlequins? David Brook, paused, shrugged (you know the form by now): "I think that may be pushing it a little too far ... " yes, yes" ... but maybe, one day." Drat – double, double, double drat.

nly a passing lunatic on Waterloo station served up what Bill McLaren would call the needful. Sam and the omnipresent Camilla (Vice-Captain. Player of the Year and runner-up in the Boobs of the Year award only because of the outside assistance of a Wonderbra apparently) were handing out leaflets to publicise Ladies Day. "You should be back in the kitchens and leave



Matthew Bond

playing rugby to men," the com-muter yelled, breaking off from his pursuit of the 6.32pm to Woking just long enough to hurl a helpful shout of "perverts" behind him. Call me old-fashioned but I don't think lunatics on Waterloo station

Elsewhere, the battle between British and American sit-coms finally came up with an unexpected result. We won! What made the

only that the winner was 2Point4 Children (BBCl) but that it was delivered - inexplicably - with the help of a Hallowe'en special. Just the three weeks late then. On that basis I take it we can look forward to the Christmas special some time in early February.

So ill-prepared was I for a return to ghosties, ghoulies and things that go bump in the nightie, that it took me almost as long as the cast to realise that Mrs Crudaal next door was actually an anagram of ... well, I'm sure you've worked it out already. It was all very silly but, cheeringly for a series that occa-

sionally looks tired, quite funny as well. Ben (Gary Olsen) had put on some Lon Chaney make-up to frighten off trick or treaters. "Guess where I got it from?" "Princess Diana on Panorama?" tried Bill (Belinda Lang). I love it when she gets vicious.

Rock from the Sun (BBC2), a series I fear I may have been a shade too nice about when it started out a few weeks ago. Last night's episode, in which the high commander of our visiting band of aliens took up smoking, was virtually a laugh-free zone. It would have been entirely had it not been for the presence of John Lithgow as Dick, the head alien honcho. The jokes may be old, but Lithgow delivers them beautifully. "Dick, smoking takes ten years off your life," protested a colleague. Yeah, but only off the end of your life ... and they're crappy years anyway." I confess, I smiled at that

uite how a television series goes from the actorly preenings of Richard E. Grain one week to the death of Veronica Guerin, the Irish investi-

On the losing end of last night's gative journalist, the next, defeats transatlantic skirmish was Third me. But The Works (BBC2) managed it - and to quite an unexpected end for those of us on this side of the Irish Sea.

For while David Kerr's film contained little in the way of new facts (and certainly not enough to satisfy a journalist of Guerin's reputation), he quickly moved the focus away from who murdered her to the equally disturbing question of who allowed her to be murdered. Taking his lead from Guerin's brother, whose letter to The Irish Times first prompted this line of inquiry, Kerr gently considered the initially unthinkable — that it was partially her own fault - and the scarcely more palatable alternative — that her newspaper. The Sunday Independent, had not done enough to protect an inexpe-

rienced and possibly naive journalist from her own crusading passions. All round a very sobering half-hour.

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11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE Chat show hosted by Carol Smille (s) (6854700) 12.00 NEWS (Ceetas) REGIONAL NEWS and 12.05pm ALIAS SMITH AND JONES Heyes.

and Curry are out for revenge when they are cheated (r) (2560174) 12.55 THE WEATHER SHOW The teem provide personal forecasts in aid of Children in Need (51817822)

1.00 NEWS (Ceefax) and weather (13358): 1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (14119358) 1.40 NEIGHBOURS (Ceefax) (s) (24020358)

2.00 CALL MY BLUFF With The Times columnist Alan Coren and Sandi Toksvig

2.30 PETER SEABROOK'S GARDENING WEEK (s) (826) 3.00 INCOGNITO (s) (6396)

3.30 THE ANIMALS OF FARTHING WOOD (5877938) 3.55 Dear Mr Barker (3467629) 4.10 The Real Adventures of Johny Quest (5517006) 4.35 Grange HBI (1758803) 5.00 Newsround (Ceelad) (6130613) 5.10 Blue Peter (Ceelad) (2252613)

5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (709464) 6.00 NEWS (Ceefex) and weather (735) 6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES (777) Wogan and Gaby Roslin present the annual fundralising extra-

vaganza (Ceefax) (s) (8377) 7.30 REGIONAL CHILDREN IN NEED PROGRAMMES (652367)
7.40 CHILDREN IN NEED Esther Rantzen showcases five of Britain's most talented children and Mark Owen gives a special performance of his first solo single. Child

Ceefax (278667) 9.00 NEWS (Ceelan) REGIONAL NEWS and weather (4342) 9.30 CHILDREN IN MEED The fundralsing continues as Barry Manifow flies in for a special appearance. Also comedy mayhem from the cast of The Britiss

Empire (Cestex) (22170551) 11.35 REGIONAL CHILDREN IN NEED PROGRAMMES (127209) 12.00 CHILDREN IN NEED Terry Wogan and Gaby Roslin invite you to join their late-night entertainment as the fundraising continues. Featuring Darren Day and the cast of Summer Holiday, Charles Aznavour, the cast of the musical Smokey Joe's Cafe and special editions of The Mrs Merton Show and The Best of

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2.00mm Weather (7898410)

BBC2 6.00em OPEN UNIVERSITY: Information

Technology and Society (5580532) 6.50 The Third Revolution (9983984) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (6138174) 7.30. Perils of Penelope Pitstop (4896551) 7.55 Smart (7334445) 8.20 The Greedysaurus Gang (8751261) 8.25 Spider (5566071) 8.35 The Record (6647464) 9.00 The 8.35 The Record (6647464) 9.00 The French Experience (6054025) 9.15 The Economics Collection (880687) 9.45 Watch (4033880) 10.00 Playdays (98551) 10.30 What? Where? Wher? Why? (3677005) 1.0.45 Revista: (3665261) 11.06 Look and Read (5028700) 11.20 Short Circuit (7861464) 11.40 English Time; The Ancient Marinter (6940551) 12.00 English File (21938) 12.30pm Worlding Lunch (59209) 1.00 Scene (31700): 1.30 Heading-South (41280) 2.00 The Greedysaurus Gaing 2.00 The Greedysaurus Gang (46439648) 2.05 Spider (46438919)

2.18 SPORT ON FRIDAY Helen Rollason introduces racing from Ascot. including the 2.40; 3.10 and 3.40 races; Cricket. "The 2.40; 3.10 and 3.40 races; Chawse. Ronnie Irani previews England's forth-coming Test series in Zimbebwe and New Zeeland; Rugby Union: A preview of the weekend's international rugby union matches featuring England v Italy and Ireland v Australia (748667) 3.55 NEWS, (Ceefax) (5686735)

4.00 TODAY'S THE DAY (700) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (984) 5.00 Esther (9483) 5.30 Going, Going, Gone (464) 6.00 SLIDERS (s) (691483) 6.40 ELECTRIC CIRCUS (s) (398613)

7.00 TOP OF THE POPS (Ceefax) (s) (6919) 7.30 TOP GEAR RALLY REPORT A preview of the RAC Rally (s) (613)



Wine expert Martin Gluck (8.00pm)

GLUCK, GLUCK, GLUCK the first of a new wine series with Malcolm Gluck (Ceefax) (5667) STEFAN BUCZACKI'S

GARDENING BRITAIN

Alpine plants, cacti and the gardens of Crathes Castle (Ceefax) (s) (4174) 9.00 SHOOTING STARS Spoof quiz with guests Ardal O'Hanlon, Anneka Rice, Dave Lee Travis and Carol Vorderman

9.30 RED DWARF Vi: Legion Sci-fi cornedy with Craig Charles and Chris Barrie (r) (Ceefax) (s) (39445) 10.00 HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU Satirical

news quiz with Angus Deayton, Paul Menton and Ian Histop joined by Eve Pollard and Jack Docherty (s) (22667) 10.30 NEWSNIGHT (Ceetax) (873193)

11.15 THE A FORCE (s) (355261) 1.15em FILM: JOBMAN (1990) with Kevin Smith, Tertius Mientjies and Lynn Gaines, A deaf and dumb man returns from the city to his wife and baby in the country. where he sets off a chain of violence and is forced to go on the run. Directed by Darrell Roodt (186089) Ends 2.55 CHOICE

Children In Need BBC1.7.00pm

The annual charity appeal is always worth dipping into, mainly for catching celebrities in unfamiliar mode. Such as four cooks, Ainsley Harriott, Brian Turner, Gary Rhodes and Antony Worrall Thompson, who are putting on glitter suits and turning themselves into a singing combo called The Four Chefs. Slightly less startling is an old time music-hall performed by stars of EastEnders, with Barbara Windsor admirably cast as Marie Lloyd. For those still unconvinced by the singing talents of Robson and Jerome, Barry Manilow is flying in from across the Atlantic and Charles Anavour is hopping over from France. Terry Wogan is joined by Gaby Roslin for seven hours of live transmissions and the target to beat, as the man says on Mastermind, is last year's £16.8 million.

Gluck, Gluck, Gluck BBC2, 8,00pm

Television wine experts tend to divide between the exhibitionist (Filly Gooden, Oz Clarke) and the quietly sensible (Jancis Robinson). Now meet Malcolm Gluck, whose bluff manner and casual appearance place him somewhere in between. His series is pitched at the ordinary wine drinker who may be haffled by the jargon and may be baffled by the jargon and overwhelmed by the choice. First stop is a balti restaurant in Birmingham where Gluck declares his abhorrence of drinking lager with Indian food and suggests wine alternatives. He also compares two French wines from the same region, one costing £3 and the other twice as much, and asse which provides the better value. Gluck offers himself as a demystifier and his chummy. down-to-earth approach should appeal to anybody who feels ignorant about wine and is reluctant to admit it.

Lonely Planet Channel 4, 8.00pm

"I'm not saying it's disgusting", says lan Wright tactfully, as he tucks into a lump of Icelandic shark. "I'm just not used to it." He is no more used to the local potato wine. known as the Black Death, but there is more funny footage to be had from his attempt to drink it. Our try-anything host extracts further fun from covering himself in mud in the cause of a healthier body. A geyser and a glacier offer more orthodox travelogue material. Having exhausted the innocent abroad routine in Iceland, Wright is off to do the same in Greenland, first reminding us that it is the most northerly island in what he calls the "weld". For that matter Nuuk is the smallest capital in the "weld". The cameraman does his best to upstage Wright's chirpy chatter as he lingers impressively over majestic snowscares. impressively over majestic snowscapes.

Stefan Buczacki's Gardening Britain BBC2, 8.30pm

It may be November in the real world but we pick up the Buczacki roadshow as spring moves into summer. Our dapper host is in Aberdeen, setting up his plant surgery in Duthie Park. Europe's largest covered garden. A useful feature of the series is its willingness to tackle the curses of gardening. as well as the delights. Last week's symposium on weeds must have struck many a chord, even if the solutions were sometimes less than magic. On the agenda tonight is invasive sorrel. Heading the garden visits is a tour of Crathes Castle. The gardens go back to the loth century, but their present character derives from a redesign in the 1930s by a devotee of Germude Jekyll. We also encounter a silversmith who has created an "anarchistic" garden on the site of a disused railway station. Peter Waymark 6.00am GMTV (1643209)

9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP (1255261) 9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (2071358) 10.00 THE TIME ... THE PLACE (92377) 10.30 THIS MORNING (24073464) 12.20om REGIONAL NEWS (4776613)

12.30 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (4915483) 12.55 MURDER, SHE WROTE (s) (2198236) 2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (s) (57975984) 2.25 Cross Wits (Teletext) (s) (57067919) 2.50 Yan Can Cook-the Best of China (6878209)

3.20 NEWS (Teletext) (4973377) 3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (4972648) 3.30 JAYS WORLD (3482938) 3.40 The

Adventures of Dawdle (3462174) 3.55 Oscar and Friends (5673261) 4.00 Snug and Cozi (8060483) 4.15 Hurricanes (5501445) 4.40 Fun House 5.10 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (7250193)

5.40 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (s) (225087) 6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (Teletext) (s)

(705209) 6.25 HTV NEWS (Teletet) (956822) 7.00 CATCHPHRASE Hosted by Roy Walker (Teletext) (s) (3445)

7.30 CORONATION STREET Pride comes before a tall for Jack and Ken's dream comes a step closer (Teletext) (667) 8.00 THE BILL Loxton comes under scrutiny

from the Complaints Investigation Bureau when he is accused of assaulting a (Teletext) (2193) 8.30 FAITH IN THE FUTURE: The Big Test

Intimations of mortality after a smear test turn Faith into an emotional time-bomb (Teletext) (s) (8700)



Jenny Bolt, Sean Blowers (9.00pm)

9.00 STAYING ALIVE. The grim reaper is stalking the unit — but at least Mick is sharp enough to keep one step ahead (Teletext) (s) (5939)

10.00 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (19193) 10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (Teletext) (430025) 10.40 FRANK YONCO'S BATH NIGHT Country and western singer Frank Yonco explores the city of Bath (s) (2818445)

11.45 THE 1996 MOBO AWARDS The 1996 Music of Black Origin Awards (549087) 1.00am FUNNY BUSINESS (s) (4041033) 1,35 THE GOOD SEX GUIDE...LATE

2.35 BUSHELL ON THE BOX (r) (s) (7809526)

3.05 WAR AND REMEMBRANCE (r) (713859) 4.50 SOUND BITES (60327014)

5.00 INTERNATIONAL TOURING CARS from the Nurburgring, Germany (48897) 5.30 ITN MORNING NEWS (83014)

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1.40 THE GOOD SEX GUIDE...LATE (7175472) 2.45 CYBER.CAFE (1144897) 3.10 HELTER SKELTER (7760472)

12.40 COMEDY CENTRAL (1764743)

4.00 JOBFINDER (2479743)

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2.25 HIGH ROAD (57978071) 2.55-3.20 GARDENERS' DIARY (1216025) 5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (7250193) 6.00-7.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE (54754) 10.30 WESTCOUNTRY NEWS (421377) 10.45 Film: SHE WOKE UP (40905483) 12.35am ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS

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10.00 NEWS AT TEN; WEATHER (19193) 10.40 Film: SHORT SHARP SHOCKS

10.50-11.45 THE VERDICT (347193) \$4C Starts: 6 30am THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ (52957) 7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST

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6.30am THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ (f) (s) (52957) **7.00** The Big Breakfast (36209) **9.00** Here's One I Made Earlier (s) (23342) **9.30** SCHOOLS, Eurekal **9.45** Stop Look Listen 10.00 Fourways Farm 10.10 TVM 10.25 Technology Prog 10.40 Off Limits 11.05 Robert Burns 11.20 Stage One 11.35 Schools at Work 11.40 How We Used to Live (528613) 12.00 The Living Sea (Teletext) (s) (16006) 12.30pm Lift Off (r) (44377) 1.00 Sesame Street

2.00 FILM: Two Weeks in Another Town (1962) American satire with Kirk Douglas as a tading Hollywood slar who goes to Italy to play a small part in the film being directed by megalomaniac Edward G. Robinson and ends up taking over direction. With Cyd Charisse, George Hamilton and Rosanna Schiatfino (2602) 4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (Teletext) (s) (396)

4.30 COUNTDOWN (Teletext) (s) (280) 5.00 TV DINNERS (r) (Teletext) (s) (4551)

5.30 OVER THE GARDEN WALL (r) 6.00 TFI FRIDAY With guests Sheryl Crowe,

Sting, Suede, Stephen Fry and Barry Manilow (s) (52396) 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (Teletext) (676367) 7.55 THE SLOT (228700)

8.00 LONELY PLANET Ian Wright explores loctand and Greenland (Teletext) (3385)

8.30 BROOKSIDE Max feels pressured to come clean about Nat and Georgia; Lindsey and Mike make a homfying discovery (Teletext) (s) (6342)

9.00 CAROLINE IN THE CITY Caroline and Del's relationship comes under pressure when their plans to celebrate Christmas in Paris are cancelled 1 orna Luft makes a guest appearance (Teletext) (s) (3280)



Jennifer Aniston as Rachel (9.30pm

9.30 FRIENDS: The One with Barry and Mindy's Wedding Rachel is a bridesmaid at her former fiance's wedding. Last in series (Teletext) (51613) 10.00 FRASIER Frasier is attracted to a policewoman who has a crush on his father (Teletext) (s) (17735)

10.30 RORY BREMNER - WHO ELSE? With Julia McKenzie (Teletext) (884209) 11.10 TFI FRIDAY (r) (768025)

12.15am FILM: The Wicker Man (1973) with Edward Woodward. Cult classic about pagan worshippers, directed by Robin Hardy (Teletext) (370743)

1.50 FILM: The Face of Fu Manchu (1965) with Christopher Lee as Fu Manchu. Directed by Don Sharp (Teletext) (109526)

3.40 FILM: The Miracle Woman (1932) with Barbara Starwyck as a woman promoted as an evangelist who rebels against the sharn when she falls in love. Directed by Frank Capra (4947588)

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4.00pm His Girl Friday (1940) (3081396) 6.00 Project X (1967) (2258700) 8.00 The Blue Lagoon (1960) (2333445) 10.00 Copus the Sarbartan (1962) (37309071) 12 (Sent At Close Range (1986) 8830782 2.10 Will Penny (1988) (5800168 4.00-5.30 City Lights (1931) (1388438) THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over at 10pm.
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SKY SPORTS 2 8.00pm The Rugby Club (4749735) 8.00 NHI, Power Week (4856071) 10.00 World Wresting Federation Raw (4729358) 11.00 Big League Classics (2260629) 11.30-1.00em Cue Masters (5680700) **SKY SPORTS 3** 

12.00 Live World Cup of Golf (73223280) 3.00pm Laigue Review (55848700) 4.30 Futbol Mundiel (10532087) 5.00 Trans World Sport (\$655377) 8.00 US Open Surfang (25910290) 7.00 Live Friday Night Football (49826648) 10.00-12.00 World

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**GRANADA PLUS** 

6.00am Rurwsty (9546174) 6.30 Tickle on the Turn (95179957) 6.45 Time ter a Story (77966396) 7.00 Alleons (2098097) 7.15 Tickle on the Turn (5442990) 7.30 Carveszie (820395) 8.00 Classic Coronal trans. Store (1399572) 8.30 Carmenze excessed on Casaca Countries (1382803) 8.60 Farmiles (1306483) 9.90 Athen Market (5411464) 10.00 What the Abort Market p411464) 1600 what ne Papers Sey (3969396) 16.20 The Day (8340613) 10.30 Nearest and Decrest [1302667] 11.00 Stoken [8138239] 12.00 Classic Coronetion Street (1303919) 12.30pts. Scully (541626); 1.00 Adam Smith (4538272) 1.30 Families (5414551)



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From 6.00am-9.00 TV High Stree ichides consumer news and les Your Stars presented by Russell Grant From 9.00-12.00 Food and Wine, in-cludes reopes and ideas from Dela Smith From 12.00-3.00pm Health and Beeuty. From 3.00-8.00 Home and Garden Includes The Good Life Style Guide THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4,00pm Biography Jayne Mansfield (2189700) 5.00 Ancient Mystenes (2019532) 6.00 Weapons of War (1464613) 7,00-8,00 Biography The Kennedys Week

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TLC/DISCOVERY

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# Way struggling to keep a grip on European tour Juventus show Ferguson the way to go

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

WHEN winter's bite is harsh. and your team is beaten by a penalty, it takes a grand game to warm 53,529 chilled souls seated in a football stadium. But we shall remember November 20, a night on which Juventus, the champions of Europe, dominated Man-chester United with controlled movement and technique for half the game, a half in which it was as clear as the luminous moon that English clubs still have an awful lot to learn.

Alex Ferguson, the most successful manager in the British game, owned up after the final whistle. "It was a disappointing score, but not a disappointing night," the Manchester United manager said. These are the nights of Europe you remember. It would be silly to think you

should dominate just because you are at home; the Juventus movement of the ball and their work ethic was fantastic."

So, in its fashion, was the way the will of the crowd transmitted to young players such as Ryan Giggs and David Beckham on United's wings, so that, for the second half, chasing the game, Manchester could at least recapture pride in defeat.

Such a wonderful, spirited. obsessional pursuit, this football. Alas, in Portugal in the same European Champions' League competition on Wednesday, came reports of a distasteful, foul-ridden, drawn match between FC Porto and AC Milan, after which a brawl in the tunnel was ignited. allegedly, by a malicious butt from George Weah. The most lauded footballer in the world, a Liberian who could yet be destined to play for Arsenal.

butted Jorge Costa, the Porto captain, so viciously that the Portuguese player was taken to hospital with a suspected broken nose.

Thank goodness for the cold

reality of northern England. There, the defeat, but not yet the end of United's quest for European success, had certain defining moments. One was in the fortieth minute, when Alen Boksic glided past David May. In full flight, he suddenly stopped and dragged back the ball, while May kept on running. It was reminiscent of Billy Wright and Ferenc Puskas, the lesson of another November, 43 years ago, when Geoffrey Green, in this newspaper, suggested that Wright was so deceived that he ran off like a fire engine towards the wrong fire.

What has changed is the

penalty, though induced, was right, and Del Piero was stealth with which a man such as Boksic, whom Ferguson sought to buy for E6 million. unforgiving from the spot. guides the ball. Because Peter However, youth is not the excuse. Del Piero, just 22, is Schmeichel managed to block barely two months older than the angle, it came to nothing. But the winning moment had Butt has served much of his already happened. last learning year on military Youth was at the heart of it,

The young ones were only momentarily the heart of the matter. In the quiet of Old as Nicky Butt was drawn into an injudicious tackle on Alessandro del Piero. The

Trafford afterwards, both managers had something to say about the influence of the French. "The best two French men this night played for Juventus," Marcello Lippi, the Juventus coach, observed. Ferguson could not disagree, could not this time defend Eric Cantona, whose nervy finishing mirrored the statistic that told us United had an inaccuracy count of missing the

target in ten of 14 attempts.

Didier Deschamps dominated the centre of the field. Zinedine Zidane, balding though only 24. strode for-ward and dispensed pinpoint and imaginative passes. "I thought Zidane was fantastic, Ferguson said. "We looked at him four times at Bordeaux last season, but he has developed fantastically well.

He has lost a lot of surplus weight, he's looking really lean since going to Juventus.

At Bordeaux, we couldn't de-cide which was his best position; it says a lot for Lippi that he has become such an obvious talent in midfield now." So. Ferguson was admitting

French talent, one who has taken the place of Cantona in his national side, for his own team. Twice beaten by Juventus, beaten for the signatures of both Boksic and Zidane, Ferguson is still looking for quality and still likely to recruit from abroad. On Wednesday night, the Italians
— players and journalists were refuelling the specula-tion that Fabrizio Ravanelli

that he had looked for another

would join United. Ravanelli, indeed, was among the United crowd. He stayed late and spoke to important figures at United. But Ferguson has said that he would not entice the player away from Middlesbrough.

his former protègé.

European Cup finalists for the past three seasons, are a shadow of their former selves after the asset-stripping consequences of the Bosman ruling On Wednesday, Ajax lost at home to Auxerre despite having two-thirds of the possession and enough chances to have won comfortably.

But at least nothing hap-pened there to sully the essence of football. In Portgual, it did. Milan were by far the more culpable in a game of 53 fouls, and José Carlos Esteves, the Porto team doctor, said he was an eye-witness, as was the referee, to "a deliberate headbutt by Weah. It was a savage attack. I have never seen anything like it, this is not No sir, but Old Trafford was.

# Sheasby steps in to entertain at Twickenham

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

FOR SOME, birthday presents come early. Chris Sheasby has been acting as the England rugby union squad's entertainments officer during their four days together this week but yesterday the replacement back-row forward came off the bench and will win his first cap, one week ahead of his thirtieth birthday. against Italy at Twickenham

arrived when Ben Clarke was finally forced to concede yesterday that a badly-bruised leg that has prevented him from training for the past week would not allow him to take his place in the back row. Tin Rodber will move from No 8 to take up the blind-side flanker role with which he is thoroughly familiar and Sheasby will take his place, joining forces with his scrum half from Wasps. Andy Gomarsall, and his club captain. Lawrence Dallaglio; Martin Corry, of Bristol, joins the replacements for the first time.

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"No 8 is my preference. I like to control things and run the back-row moves," Sheasby, a part-time teacher at Pangbourne College, Berk-shire, said. "It is perfect to be linking up with my club colleagues — I certainly won't

The highlight of Sheasby's career to date was his part in the England team that won the inaugural World Cup Sev-Sheasby's belated chance ens in 1993 but, to a degree,



Sheasby: dynamic style

that success has blighted his career. His elevation now completes a meteoric rise for a player frequently written off as a sevens exponent only.

That Sheasby grafted so successfully for Harlequins was ignored until last year when England A recognised his qualities; his move across London to Wasps last summer, though a surprise to many, has been thoroughly justified in that their style of play suits Sheasby's dynamic approach and carried him into the national squad ahead of last season's England A captain, Tony Diprose.

That Sheasby also moved ecause he felt his loyalty to Harlequins had been undervalued is a matter for him and the club where he spent ten years. Towards the end of that period he did not enjoy the best of relationships with Richard Best, director of rugby at the Stoop, who may be in hot water with the Rugby Football Union (RFU) for derogatory remarks made about union members and the present England management in the most recent edition of Rugby News.

Best, the England coach between 1992 and 1994, and the RFU parted company on the worst of terms but publication of critical remarks of his successor, Jack Rowell, on the eve of the first international of the season will win him few friends. "It is not my practice



The England squad, which will include five newcomers against Italy tomorrow, trains in the lengthening shadows at Twickenham yesterday

to comment on or criticise the work of other coaches," Rowell said. "I do not understand the they know that," de Glanville

motives of people who seek to disrupt the preparations of the

national team. Sheasby. 16 stone and 6ft 3in, will be the fifth newcomer in the XV tomorrow, but the quintet will be given little opportunity to find their feet by the captain. Phil de Glanville: There is no honeymoon period on the pitch and

said. "It will be a special moment for all of them but we need them contributing from the first minute."

The new captain has also warned against undue equanimity by England's supporters against a thoroughly experienced Italy side that encountered travel difficulties before arriving in London last night A crowd of 50,000 is

expected, though tickets will be on sale tomorrow — a rare event in recent times - and de Glanville said: "Italy will be here to prove they should be part of the five nations' championship and I can see no reason why they should not be admitted."

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#### McCoy hurries to his century of winners

TONY McCOY rewrote racing's record books at Warwick vesterday when he completed the earliest century of winners achieved by a National Hunt jockey. The 22year-old rider beat the previous record held by Peter Scudamore, who reached the 100 mark on December 20 in 1988 and 1989. "It's unbelievable. absolutely brilliant." McCoy said after being cheered into the winner's enclosure on Class Of Ninetytwo after the Shipston Handicap Chase. "Three years ago I could not even get 100 rides."

In his first season in England. McCoy rode 74 winners to be leading conditional jockey and last year his 175 victories made him champion

He rode his first winner this season on the opening day at Perth in June and required only 331 rides to complete his century. However, technically, his was not the fastest Scudamore hundred. achieved his centuries in a considerably shorter time as the jumps seasons then began in August two months later

than now. Scudamore, who was at Warwick to see McCoy's feat, reflected: "It's a fantastic achievement whichever way



McCoy: record-breaker

you look at it, I have tremendous admiration for

If McCoy avoids injuries. he is likely to be champion jockey for the second successive year and could beat the overall record of 221 winners in a season, set by Scudamore in 1989.

McCoy has decided to appeal against his recent Newton Abbot whip ban. The hearing is expected to take place on Tuesday. The threeday suspension, if it is confirmed, will rule him out of the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury tomorrow

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### Houston delighted as Spencer goes west

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

JOHN SPENCER, the Chelsea striker, moved across west London to join Queens Park Rangers for £2.5 million yesterday. He is likely to make his debut against Reading at Elm

Park tomorrow. Spencer, 26, was Chelsea's leading scorer with 14 league and cup goals last season, but had become an increasingly peripheral figure at Stamford Bridge. He made only four substitute appearances in the FA Carling Premiership this

It is the first signing by Stewart Houston, the QPR manager, since he left Arsenal to take over at the Nationwide League first division club two months ago. "I'm delighted at being able to sign John," Houston said. "He's going to be a great asset. He has a good background and a lot of experience for someone of his age. I had to move quickly

once I knew he was available." Rangers are without Kevin Gallen, the England Under-21 forward, for the rest of the season after he damaged ankle ligaments. Spencer, who was a member of Scotland's Euro 96 squad, joined Chelsea from Rangers for £450,000 four years ago.

Alan Shearer's renowned powers of recuperation have ensured a swift return to Newcastle United's Premiership

title chase. Only a month after undergoing groin surgery, he will play against Chelsea at

Stamford Bridge tomorrow. Shearer, scorer of eight goals in 13 matches this season, has missed six league and cup games. His recovery took on greater significance when Les Ferdinand, his strike partner, was ruled out for six

weeks after fracturing a cheekbone on Saturday. Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, also spent yesterday mulling over the future of Darren Huckerby. Coventry City have made an offer of £1 million for the striker, 20, who spent a week on trial at High-

field Road last month. Coventry have announced losses of almost £8 million for the year ended last May, the result of spending £7.8 million on new players. The club's summer signings, Gary Mc-Allister and the Belgium international, Reggie Genaux, are

not included in the accounts. Stan Lazaridis, the Australia winger, is to sign a threeyear extension to his contract with West Ham United. Manchester City have failed in an attempt to lure Mark Schwarzer, the Australian goalkeeper, from Kaiserslau-

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# Brussels applies brake to inquiry on tourism fraud

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE European Commission has acknowledged for the first time the edistence of largescale corruption among some of its officials, but a Belgian police investigation is being blocked by the Commission's refusal to allow officials to be

westioned Fresh eidence of a longstanding scandal in the Commission's tourism division emerged his week in a report by the Court of Auditors, the Europear Union's official watchdor which accuses the Brussels executive with failing to crackdown on the fraudulent misuse of funds in the tourism budget. The funds. which average about £5 million a year, are used to promot such things as studies and building projects in member states.

George Tzoanos, former chief of the tourism unit, has n police custody in Brusses since last January on suspicion of bribery and fraud but no charges have been bought. His wife and a French former Commission mplojee are free on bail. Las month the European Parliabent froze a quarter of Commissioners' salaries until the Ommission stops financial puses in its manage-

mentinotably in the tourism

area. In the biggest case of its kind to come to light at the Commission, the arrested men are alleged to have been involved in the extortion of bribes in return for au-thorising the funding of projects to promote tourism in Greece, France and other

In its response to the auditors' study, handed to the European Parliament on Tuesday, the Commission said that investigations had shown "large secret payments" to members of Commission staff in return for the award of grants". The Commission said that closer co-operation with national prosecutors "should make it possible to bring all those involved in such types of fraud before the courts".

However, the Belgian fraud police, brought in last year after complaints from the European Parliament, say that their inquiry has been stalled by the Commission's refusal to lift the immunity of the Director-General responsible for tourism policy and of two former senior officials. including Alan Mayhew, a

Heinrich von Moltke, who headed Directorate-General 23 throughout the alleged abuse of funds, was ordered

#### Paris gives its highest honour to Malraux

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE ashes of the writer André Malraux will be placed alongside the earthly remains of France's most revered citizens in the Panthéon in Paris tomorrow in a ceremony beneficiaries of a diplomatic status, EU officials enjoy lifemarking the culmination of a carefully orchestrated campaign of hero worship.

last month to take early retire-

ment. Officials say that his record is unblemished. As the

long immunity from the atten-

Edward McMillan-Scott,

Conservative MEP for North

Yorkshire, whose campaigning launched the Belgian police inquiry last year, welcomed the Commission's ac-

knowledgment of the existence

of the bribes racket, but ac-

cused it of engaging in a systematic cover-up. He called

for a parliamentary inquiry

into the alleged corruption.

The auditors report had pulled its punches by failing to

identify culprits, he said.

The Commission, charged

by the auditors with dragging

its feet on a promised clean-

up, has reorganised the tour-

ism department and asked its internal fraud investigators to

report on all 475 projects funded between 1990 and

The results will not be

known until next June.

Christos Papoutsis, the Com-

missioner in charge of tour-

ism, said the corruption was a

"thing of the past" that did not

involve the Commission

which took office last year

under Jacques Santer.

tions of national police.

France lauds its celebrated dead like no other nation, and in recent days the adoration of Malraux as soldier, freedom fighter, philosopher, states-man and fashion icon has reached a crescendo.

His raffish features now appear on the three-franc stamp and editions of his works, most notably La Condition Humaine and l'Espoir, are flooding bookshops. The Paris Metro is festooned with posters recalling his words and thoughts, and last week Elle magazine devoted an entire feature to the "Malraux

Exactly 20 years after Malraux's death at the age of 75, President Chirac will join such literary luminaries as Vaclav Havel, Saul Bellow and Mario Vargas Llosa at the Panthéon, where the writer's remains will take their place next to those of Voltaire, Hugo and Rousseau.

M Chirac's eulogy is likely to dwell not only on Mal-raux's writings, but also on his Far Eastern travels, his role as a Republican fighter in



André Malraux as Minister for Cultural Affairs in the 1960s, and below, the Panthéon

his bravery as a French Resistance leader.

Much attention has rightly been paid to Malraux's role as President de Gaulle's Culture Minister between 1959 and 1969, when he launched a campaign to restore France's great monuments and establish cultural centres throughout the country.

The event has also provided an opportunity to discuss the more complex aspects of his life, such as his heroin addic-

tion, his wide sexual appetites, the temples he allegedly robbed in Cambodia in the 1920s and his strange political odyssey, beginning with sympathy for Communism, evolving through bitter opposition to fascism and colonialism, and ending with Malraux as the staunch conservative and anti-Communist.

Only the extreme-right National Front has challenged his right to a place in the Panthéon, which is the highest honour France can bestow.



#### **Blockade** takes toll in France

By BEN MACINTYRE

MORE than 50,000 lorry drivers blocked roads and fuel depots across France yesterday in an growing dispute over pay and working conditions that has begun to take a toll on the country's economy.

For the fourth successive day, they barricaded ports, motorways and access roads, causing vast traffic jams at 30 French cities including Bordeaux, Toulouse, Lyons and Le Mans. The drivers are demanding increased wages. shorter working hours and a retirement age of 55 rather than 60. As the dispute continued, supermarkets and petrol stations began running low on

Jeff Linden, 38, a British lorry driver, was taken to hospital with cuts and bruises after being attacked by French drivers when he attempted to break through the blockade at Bordeaux. About 700 British lorries, with perishable goods rotting in their vehicles, have been trapped in France by the

#### NEWS IN BRIEF **Italians** break up art ring

Rome: Italian police said yes terday that they had broken up an international art smuggling ring and retrieved a "priceless" haul of antiquities, including Greek vases and a fourth-century sarcophagus (Richard Owen writes).

The operation had involved police in Italy, France, Germany, Austria and the United States. Two Italian art smugglers who masterminded the ring are under arrest.

#### Sihanouk backs Amnesty plea

Phnom Penh: King Sihanouk has urged the Government to punish drunken soldiers who allegedly killed six children with a rocket launcher in September. He said that Amnesty International had written to him and it was "my duty to support all the legitimate requests made by Amnesty International". (AP)

#### Bomb in lift

Sofia: A Bulgarian insurance company official was killed and two others were hurt by a bomb in a lift in the Black Sea port of Varna. Bombings are often used to settle business conflicts here. (Reuter)

#### Soldiers killed

Bangui: Four loyalist troops were killed by mutinous sol-diers in the Central African Republic, where a five-day revolt has paralysed the capital. France has reinforced its Bangui garrison. (Reuter)

#### Chiluba sworn in

Lusaka: President Chiluba of Zambia was sworn in for a second term, having won about 70 per cent of the 1.19 million votes counted in elections marred by an opposition boycott. (Reuter)

#### Bryant loses cash

Hobart: The Tasmanian parliament has stripped Martin Bryant, the Port Arthur mass killer due to be sentenced today, of his wealth. amounting to about A\$1 million (£480,000). (Reuter)

#### Fatal appeal

Nairobi: Johana Ndung'u, 27. serving a six-year prison sentence for robbery with vio-lence, had a rude shock here when the Court of Appeal replaced the jail term with a death sentence. (AFP)

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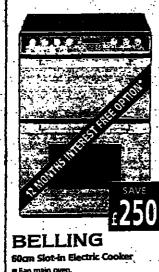


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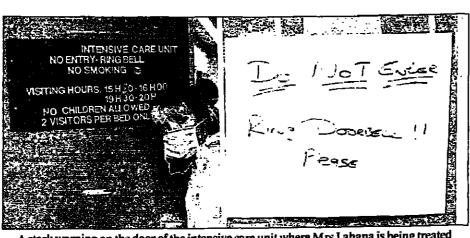
# Fears over Ebola grow as two more South Africans fall ill

IN JOHANNESBURG

FEARS of a spread of Ebola in South Africa grew yesterday as authorities announced that they were monitoring two more medical staff with symptoms of the deadly virus.

The two under observation are colleagues of Marilyn Lahana. 46, a nurse who was diagnosed with the virus last weekend. She is in critical condition at Johannesburg General Hospital. Medical authorities said that more than 200 people who had come into contact with Mrs Lahana. 46, were under surveillance. The two who are regarded as specially at risk are believed to have been exposed to the virus during cleaning-up operations at the clinic where Mrs Lahana worked.

She apparently contracted the disease from a doctor who was visiting South Africa, and it marks the first time the virus has escaped from its usual rural milieu to a densely populated city. With doctors holding out little hope for her short-term recovery public nervousness persists, despite



A stark warning on the door of the intensive care unit where Mrs Lahana is being treated

dela. There is no known cure for the virus which is transmitted by body fluids.

An Ebola helpline has been deluged with calls from residents here as rumours about the disease spread. An American tourist received an e-mail message which claimed the South African Government was lying when it said the disease had been contained: the message also warned him not go outdoors without wearing a mask and advised him to leave the country

As public fears grew, the child of an employee at the Morningside Clinic, where Mrs Lahana worked, was sent home from school for three weeks until the incubation period was over. "Some people are going bananas." Professor Bob Swanopoel, the doctor in charge of the case, said.

The authorities said a critical phase in the disease was being reached as those who came into contact with the virus cross the incubation threshold. They fear that new Without early treatment Ebola, which killed 245 people in Zaire last year and 35 people in two outbreaks in Gabon this year, is fatal in 80 to 90 per cent of cases.

In the intensive care unit of the hospital where Mrs Lahana is connected to a dialysis machine and respirator, medical staff are employing barrier nursing procedures: workers wear two pairs of gloves, waterproof aprons underneath the gowns and masks. All the hospital clothing is

after the Ebola river in Zaire. has emerged periodically to create brief and frightening human epidemics (Nigel Hawkes writes). The assumption is that at other times it infects some animal - species unknown — which acts as a "reservoir". It attacks virtually every organ, liquefying tissue into a mush. Liver, kidneys and brain are all affected and in the disease's final stage victims may go into convulsions.

ing that the ease of global travel could lead to an outbreak of Ebola anywhere in the world. The doctor from Gabon, from whom Mrs Lahana is thought to have caught the disease, was flown here on a commercial airline by a company specialising in international medical transport. Concern is growing about the lack of regulations governing companies that transport the sick across the African continent and to

Experts are issuing a warn-



Marilyn Lahana, the nurse who is fighting for her life after contracting the virus

# Gangland gun battles turn Soweto casualty ward into a war zone

THE outbreak of the incurable Ebola virus in Johannesburg has brought home sharply the way in which this most feared of diseases could escape from its present epicentre in equatorial Africa to the rest of the world.

The virus, brought in by a Gabonese doctor who had been treating an Ebola outbreak in Gabon, has infected Marilyn Lahana, a Johannesburg nurse, whose condition has become increasingly critical: 200 others are under close surveillance.

Johannesburg is now the world's frontline city for Ebola: it has such large and frequent international passenger flows that if the virus were to take root it would be

R.W. Johnson reports from Johannesburg on the beleaguered hospital that is South Africa's first line of defence against the Ebola virus

the rest of the world. In turn, the front line for Johannesburg is Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto. which serves three million people. because the poor Zaireans who flood into Johannesburg as street traders and prostitutes are far more likely to end up in Baragwanath than in the private clinic where Mrs Lahana worked.

Baragwanath is an extraordinary institution. A huge complex built from Second World War military barracks, it has about 3,000

beds. The apartheid Government tried endlessly to focus healthcare on smaller, more manageable hospitals, but the black population continue to flock to Baragwanath.

The hospital has big problems. Listed by The Guinness Book of Records as the world's largest hospital, its standards of care and prevention have sagged badly since last year's violent cleaners' strike when the Communist-led union stopped nurses entering the

hospital is filthy, with feral cats roaming the corridors by night eating from the dustbins and plates of food left uncleared. Much of the hospital laundry is dirty and the adult wards are littered with paper, drink cans and bits of food. As you walk the corridors you see puddles on the floor and there is a pervasive stench of humanity.

Dr George Veliotes, the hospital superintendent, agrees that the cleaners are a problem and that threats and intimidation on the premises are common. "People are scared to reprimand anybody in case their kids or family get beaten up." he said. "They simply tell you they will wait for you outside the

'We cannot fire anybody. If workers arrive drunk and we fire them, there will be a big strike. There is no authority. The hospital only takes action against serious cases such as murder or theft."

He cited the example of a nurse ssaulted by a cleaner last year. "She withdrew the charges and left." he said. "The man is still working here. We have not managed to fire him. What do you do? He just waves his pistol at you."

Another problem is that many

patients arrive at the hospital as a result of township gang wars, and their opponents come after them. "They just come in here with guns to finish the job." one senior nurse said. "Casualty ward is a war zone: we have had lots of shootouts in

there. But, of course, they come into the general ward too and try to shoot their enemies there. Sometimes they manage it."

Not surprisingly, morale is at rock bottom and it is amazing that care is as good as it is in Baragwanath, which the African National Congress wants to rename after Chris Hani, the murdered Communist leader.

What would happen if Ebolainfected patients arrived here. I asked? "Our infection-control unit would diagnose them successfully," a nurse said, "but the problem is care and prevention after that. To be frank, we would struggle to contain a major epidemic if it got started. But the people who might have Ebola come from Zaire and the Ebola incubation perior is up to three weeks."

What really stands beween Baragwanath and an Ebok epidemic is poverty. Most patients are poor and the Zaireans who unive at the hospital would take more than three weeks to travel from Zaire to Johannesburg. "Vind you," the nurse added, "if such people were to scrape together the money to afford the air farefrom Zaire, then we really would be in trouble."

At present, it seems likely that the Ebola outbreak will be contained but, given the continuing flow of Zairean job-seekes to Johannesburg, it seems that the world's front line against Ebda is



#### Fossil discovery in Ethiopia ages mankind half a million years FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER remote hill in northern Ethioing, to be 2.3 million years a line in general that the three-

A TEAM of American, Israeli and Ethiopian scientists yesterday claimed dramatic progress in charting the evolution of man with the discovery of what is described as the oldest fossil of human ancestors to have been found, together with stone tools and animal bones.

According to The Jerusalem Post, the fossil, along with chopping tools, stone flakes and mammal bone fragments, was found on the surface of a

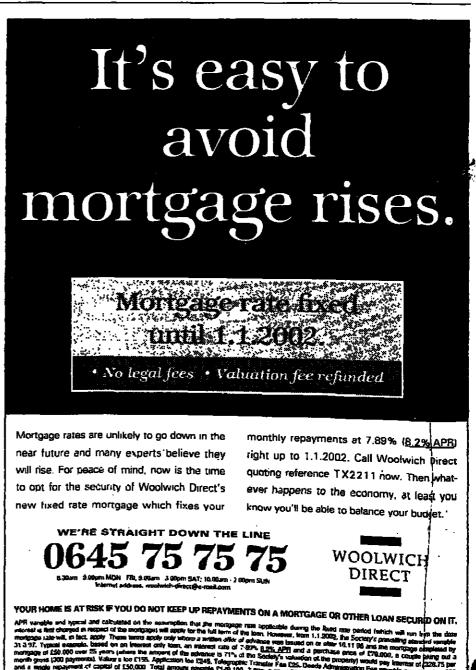
nabon team exploring since 1990.

The newly found human fossil consists of the upper jaw of an early Homo, the broad genus to which modern humans belong. It has caused a stir in scientific circles because previously discovered sites, all in Africa, in which hominid fossils have been found in layers that included stone tools, were estimated to be no older than L85 million years. The latest discovery is

estimated, after extensive test-

the stone implements vas made near a dry stream bel in the Hadar Formation, a D0yard-thick sequence of ricks and the home of the famous "Lucy" human ancestor foind several years ago.

Experts said the volcatic rock fragments were analysed by the single-crystal-laserfusion method of potassiumargon dating which detalls precise ages for volcanic rolls and has revolutionised he dating of events in the history of evolution.



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# Amnesty accuses Burundi army of massacring Hutus

By Sam Kiley, africa correspondent.

HUNDREDS of Hutu refu-gets, forced home by fighting in eastern Zaire, have been burchered by Burundi's Totsi army, according to Amnesty International. It said yester-ary that it had also accumented incidents of dlings involving women, hildren and the elderly.

In Bujumbura last night, Burundi's military regime rejected Amnesty's accusations that up to 500 Hutu refugees. after returning from eastern Zaire, had been killed by its security forces in the latest

The London-based human gees are being forced back to Pierre Buyoya, a normer Burundi to face the same army major, vowed to seek reconciliation with the Huturand has been the had been living in South Kivu province near Uvira, fled fighting between east Zaire's

from Rwanda who were also living in refugee camps in the area. They arrived in eastern Zaire over the past two years after massacres at the hands of Burundi's Tutsi soldiers.

Unlike Rwanda's largely Tutsi army, which has generally avoided abusing human rights, which are closely monitored by United Nations agents in the field, Burundi's army has had carre blanche to pursue a pogrom against its majority Hutu population. Burundi's Tutsis, who make

up 14 per cent of the popula-tion, seized absolute power right groups, which has a from a tribal coalition govern-network of informers in Bu-ment in a military coup in ment in a military coup in

that caused them to flee in the majority and has been the first place." The refugees, who target of strict regional economic sanctions since his coup. Since then, Amnesty. said, 10,000 Hutus have been

rebels and extremist Hutus killed. On October 22, 400 returnees were rounded up in a church in Cibitoke and all adult males were shot or bayoneted to death. Five days later 20 people were tortured and disappeared in the capital, Bujumbura.

On the same day another 40 were killed before reaching a UN transit camp, another 46 were shot and stabbed to death on November 10 near Bujumbura, the human rights group said.

Other sources said yesterday that the number may be much higher as Burundi's army has also been involved in fighting against a local Hutu militia.

A similar pattern emerged for the north of Burundi. Refugees trying to get through the country, out into Tanzania, had been ambushed by the Tutsi army. Tanzania has been spared the turmoil which has raged throughout the rest of the Great Lakes region.



A truckload of refugees returning home to Rwanda from camps in east Zaire enters the capital, Kigali, yesterday on the last lap of the trip

Farther north, Uganda has been struck by invasions of Sudan-backed rebels using eastern Zaire and southern Sudan as a base, and the future survival of Zaire's own Government is being threatened by an uprising in North and South Kivu provinces.

In Geneva last night, relief officials confirmed that recent aerial photos have detected about \$00,000 refugees and displaced people in a swath of territory around Bukavu and Uvira in eastern Zaire. Of these, 650,000 appeared to be

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directions. Another 150,000 were assembled around make-shift shelters on the western shore of Lake Kivu, officials of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies reported.

United Nations investigators have also accused 18 countries, including Britain and South Africa, of selling arms to Rwanda's former Hutu military forces hiding in eastern Zaire, in breach of an international embargo. Zaire seems to have played a "central role" in the arms traffic.

and Spain among those involved.

| Kampala: A tour of the Ugandan-Zairean border by Ugandan members of parliament and security officials came to an abrupt end when it

was shelled by Zaire-based

## Racism blamed for apathy over aid

FROM LEYIA LINTON IN BRUSSELS

pean Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid, yesterday accused the world community of indifference bordering on racism in tackling the refugee

crisis in eastern Zaire. How many lives have to be in danger, how many people support.
missing, to justify a deploy Countries contributing to ment of troops by the 'civilised' world?" she asked the European Parliament. "Is it the colour of their skin which makes the difference, which leads us to believe that it is their inevitable lot to be linked

to a cycle of massacres?" Signora Bonino said a proposed United Nations multinational force was essential to allow relief workers to save 🖯 lives in Zaire, otherwise they risked being killed or taken nostage. She believed there



Bonino: attack on inertia

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EMMA BONINO, the Euro- was an urgent need to disarm the refugees.

The Commission has asked the Western European Union. the European pillar of Nato, to consider how it could help the relief effort. The WEU has discussed providing logistical

the force are due to meet foday in Stattgart to assess the situation after 500,000 refugees left their camps in eastern Zaire and unexpectedly returned to Rwanda last week.

Signora Bonino feared, however, that the mass exodus of refugees would diminish international support for those who remain. An intervention was considered justified for 1.2 million refugees, and now they say things have changed. is that what you call the civilised world?" she demand-

She criticised the European Union's foreign and security policy for being too tied to national interests.

☐ Kinshasa: The commander of Zaire's feared Civil Guard will take over as interim chief of staff of the Central African country's army, state radio reported last night.

General Kpama Baramoto Kata, a close ally of President Mobutu, was named by the Defence Minister to replace General Eluki Monga. who was suspended on Wednesday. (Reuter)

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# Clinton tells Australians to treasure ethnic mix

By Roger Maynard in sydney and Our Foreign Staff

AFTER a month of intense national debate over Australia's immigration and multicultural policies, President Clinton yesterday argued that nation's ethnic diversity was its greatest source of strength and pride.

Congratulating the Australian people on uniting so many different nationalities, he said: "I cannot think of a better place in the entire world, a more shining example of how people can come together as one nation and one community than Sydney.

The greatest challenge fac-ing the world in the next century was to find a way to let our children define themselves in terms of who they are, not who they are not, he

Mr Clinton's remarks follow a dispute over immigration sparked by Pauline Anson, an independent MP, io claimed in parliament it Asian immigrants were wamping Australia.

Her comments caused uproar at the time but have attracted widespread support

from middle Australia. Hillary Clinton avoided racial issues when she addressed an audience of women at the Sydney Opera House. In a speech urging a balanced distribution of power in society, the First Lady said women's rights were human rights. pointing out that the strong



female vote in the American elections indicated it was vital that women's issues were-

addressed Democracies in every continent should understand that issues affecting women "are not soft or marginal but are central to the progress and prosperity of every nation", she said.

Mr Clinton will meet Jiang Zemin, the Chinese President, in Manila at the weekend. In China yesterday Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, praised China's progress on human rights. He also came very near to calling the new US-Chinese relationship a "partnership".

Mr Christopher made no mention of the two leading political prisoners. Wei Jingsheng, now serving 14 years after completing almost 15, and Wang Dan, beginning an 11-year sentence following one of almost four years.

In Manila, the Asian Pacific Rim economies yesterday unveiled an ambitious plan to free trade and investment in the world's most dynamic

region. The Manila Action Plan, which outlined the steps to be taken to remove impediments to economic growth, is to be presented for the official imprimatur of 18 world leaders who will hold their summit at Subic on Monday.

Last night Mr and Mrs Clinton flew into the Queensland resort of Port Douglas for a two-day holiday including a snorkelling trip to the Great Barrier Reef.

☐ Under par: President Clinton took to the fairways yesterday with Greg Norman, the Australian golfing legend, and soon found himself getting a

Teeing off at the New South Wales Golf Club, Mr Clinton was asked how he felt playing with the world's top player. Terrified, he said with a smile. As the two progressed could be seen passing on tips



A stranded office worker slumps against a thirteenth-floor window as the Hong Kong fire takes hold

## Patten weeps over 39 blaze deaths

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

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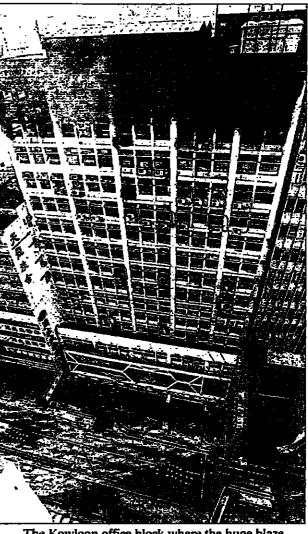
HONG KONG's worst building fire in a century has killed 39 people.

Eighty people were injured and 39 were still missing last night after a blaze that took 300 firefighters 21 hours to extinguish. The fire began in a 16-floor

commercial building in Kowloon. Sur-vivors were carried down ladders or jumped from windows. The building's metal frames and air conditioners melted in the heat.

Firefighters said that they had been delayed in entering the building by locked doors and because there were no fire exits. They said, too, that there was no

sprinkler system or adequate fire alarm. Chris Patten, the Governor, reported on the fire — "plainly a terrible tragedy" — to the Legislative Council, weeping as he mentioned Senior Fireman Liu Chi-hung, who lost his life battling courageously to save the lives of others". The Queen and the Foreign Secretary sent messages of sympathy to the Governor.



The Kowloon office block where the huge blaze claimed 39 lives. Eighty people were injured

#### Magistrate killed in Taiwan mass shooting

FROM REUTER IN TAIPEL

ASSASSINS burst into a county magistrate's home, tied up nine people and shot each in the head yesterday, killing the official and seven others. The only survivor was in critical condition last night

and was unlikely to live, officials said Liu Pang-yu, 54, Taoyuan county magistrate and a member of Taiwan's ruling Nationalist Party, died in hospital seven hours after the shooting. Police said two gunmen raided Mr Liu's home, bound the hands of Mr Liu and eight others and shot each at close

range. Five died instantly. The assassination rekindled memories of the killing in February 1980 of the mother and daughters of a jailed Tarwan independence advocase in a politically charged Ministry launched a crack-

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down on crime gangs that Liao Cheng-hao, the Justice Minister, said had infiltrated the country's business and political circles and even parliament, triggering fears of

Police said that Mr Liu's killers had worked swiftly in what had all the signs of a premeditated assassination. The method of the shooting shows that they wanted them to die at once. It took just ten minutes." a police spokesman said from Taoyuan, home of Taiwan's main airport south of Taipei. Investigators found a stolen

getaway car abandoned near by as police mounted a search for the killers. Airports and seaports stepped up checks on departing passengers. The In-terior Ministry offered a £650,000 reward for informa-August, the Taiwanese Justice tion leading to the assassins

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# Britain steals a kiss on France

Paris has published a new tourist guide, which says you have to kiss to get the best out of the city, and it offers smart tourists advice on where to get intimate. Joe Joseph introduces the definitive British version

used to consist of booking a room at a cute Left Bank hotel, Adining in a cosy bistro, and then taking a moonlit stroll by the Seine. If you actually had a girl to go to Paris with, that was a huge bonus.

But now a new tourist manual - The Kissing Guide to Paris — says sleeping. walking and eating aren't enough. You have to smooth to get the best out of the city and it offers advice on where smart tourists can get intimate.

Recommended kissing places include beneath the Pont Neuf, and the Café de l'Hôtel de Ville, where Robert Doisneau took his famous 1950s photo of two lovers kissing — though if you're a coach party,

take it in turns: disembarking at kissing sites en masse will confuse the locals into thinking you are an avant garde drama troupe that gives impromptu performances of The Decameron.

This is just the sort of march that Paris shouldn't be stealing on London, which is again rated as the world's hottest city. Street corners are thick with American and European journalists writing feature articles about how "London is swinging again". Even for weekends in London to soak up some chicness.
So where exactly is The Kissing Guide

to Britain? It's here:

Trafalgar Square: Central and therefore handy for a quick smooth en route to the National Gallery, or the theatre. The symbolism is a bit on the blatant side, but there is the extra thrill of avoiding aerial bombardment by pigeons while you kiss. Some grown men pay folding money for this sort of excitement.

10 Downing Street: Exploiting his rapport with people, John Major will soon begin weekly Pope-like addresses to tourist kissers, reminding them that he didn't always used to kiss in a posh house in Whitehall. Oh no. Far from it. He used to kiss in two rooms in Brixton. But he believes in choice. Everybody should be free to kiss whom they want to, and where (except maybe John Gummer).

University College, Oxford: Bill Clinton's old college: for shy types on a first

romantic weekend in Paris date who want to try the kissing Harvey Nichols after Harrods started experience without having to inhale.

> Brighton Beach: Perfect spot for film lovers who want to recreate the passion Deborah Kerr and Bert Lancaster whipped up in From Here To Eternity. A warning: you'll never get the pebbles out of your swimming trunks and for months afterwards you'll be able to sand whole planks of wood smooth just by

> Labour Party headquarters, Walworth Road, southeast London: Ask at the door and Tony Blair will schmooze you while you canoodle: "Yes, kiss. A good kiss. New kisses. Kisses for capitalism.

Try a little romance on the steps of Westminster Bridge

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not. Why not? Emotion. Love. Lips. Red lips. Red Sierra. Red rose. Red Rum.

Drink. Drunk. How about it. Why? Why

not? Your place, my place, our place.

Headquarters of Sir James Gold-smith's Referendum Party: Kissing is

allowed, with one proviso: both parties to

BBC Television Centre: A recent arrival

on the capital's kissing scene because

once only BBC employees were allowed

to kiss inside TV Centre, but under the

new Birtist regime at least 25 per cent of

Harrods department store, Knights-bridge: Used to be kissers' paradise,

particularly the lavishly appointed lava-

tories. But kissers have switched to

the union must be balloted first.

kissing has to be contracted out.

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**PLUS: CHRISTMAS BOOKS** 

Part 1 of the Books section pick of the year, with

stocking-filler ideas and selections by Clive Anderson.

Julian Barnes, P D James, John Mortimer,

Joanna Trollope and many more

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charging shoppers £1 per lavvy visit.

Harvey Nichols department store, Knightsbridge: "I don't kiss on the mouth," says Julia Roberts, in *Pretty* Woman. Well, the women in Harvey Nichols don't either, but don't get the wrong idea. Harvey Nicks is one of the kissing hot spots. Constant kissing in the aisles - though rarely for romantic reasons. It's not just mouths that are avoided. The convention is to kiss without any contact at all.

Wembley Stadium: A shrine for tourists who haven't had a peck for a while and are convinced that kissing's coming

home. Just make sure a German coach party doesn't rob you of your romantic climax at the last minute.

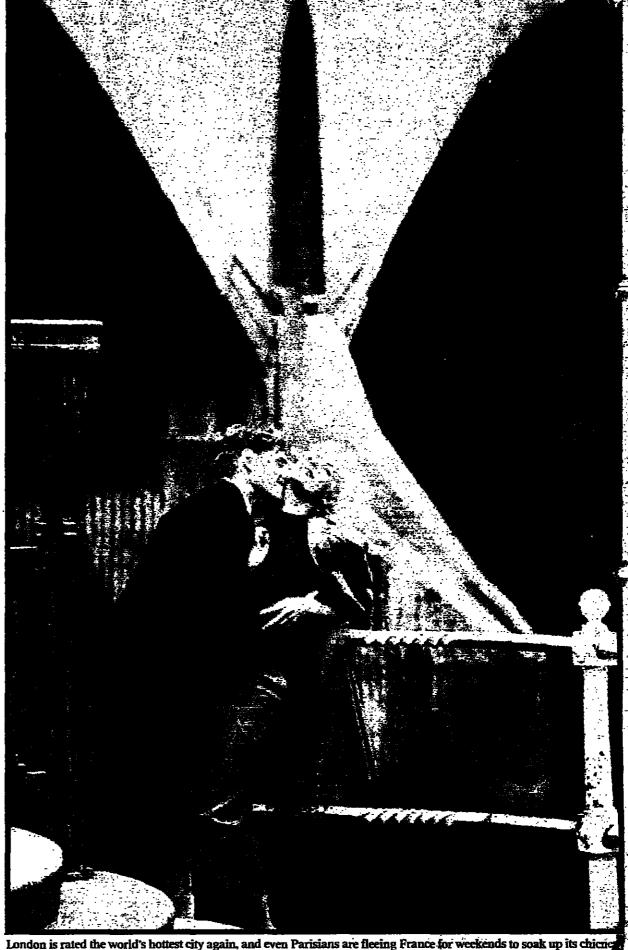
Glyndebourne: Chic outdoors spot for fans of an opera-style kiss, a kiss, I said I want a kiss. (Chorus: 'She wants a kiss. She says she wants a kiss"). (Second chorus: "Well go on, give her one. Well go on, give her one, her one, her one. Well go on, give her one.")

Tower of London: Favourite spot for old-fashioned men keen to kiss their wives in an historical setting: stony, forbidding, and covered in raven droppings - still she's good to the kids

Parliament Square: Many MPs will happily sell you a kiss if you hand over £1,000. If they're too busy to kiss you themselves, they will - for the same price - ask around in the House of Commons to see if they can find anyone else. In Soho you can get the same thing but without so much sleaze, and the prices are far more reasonable.

and deserves an occasional treat.

If working out where to kiss makes you so edgy that it ruins your holiday, you can do what Woody Allen does in Annie Hall when he asks Diane Keaton for a kiss before they have even begun their first date, so there is no awkward anticipation hanging over the event. So if you spot planeloads of French and German tourists snogging in the arrivals lounge at Heathrow, indulge them: they're probably just shy tourists trying to quell their holiday nerves.



The day I left my life at Victoria station his is a story with a happy ending — but by God it was a close-run thing. Picture, if you will, the Magnus Linklater on a scene at Victoria station last very personal Friday evening. There are five minutes to go before the 6.15 piece of lost departs for Lewes — time enough for a quick call to my weekend hosts. I balance my

> public telephone at Platform 15, dial the number, find it engaged, gather up my lug-gage and head for the train. It is as I am sitting in my compartment, lost in Fergie's breast-haring interview with Oprah Winfrey, that an image ashes in some distant cavity of my mind. It is of a personal organiser still sitting mutely on top of the public telephone on Platform 15.

personal organiser (it used to be called a diary) on top of the

With the image comes a sickening lurch of the stornach as the rest of the brain signals emergency alert. In a single movement I scoop three pieces of luggage from the overhead rack, fling open the door and race back along the platform.

The telephone that I had

used looms in the distance, at first blurred, like Omar Sharif Lawrence of Arabia, then finally in focus. It has no familiar little device on top of it. It is naked, empty, sans personal organiser.

I pass my hand over the space where I had left it. somehow imagining that it must still be there, temporarily dematerialised. But no. it has gone, perhaps for ever. My stiff upper lip quivers

I may have mentioned that personal organiser is like a diary. The comparison is absurd. It is an integral part of one's being, a component of

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Derek. You see, they have a special responsibility for their customers and I'm sure they'll do their best to help. Now, was it Connex South East, Connex South Central or Gatwick Express?

I know I have been away from London for some time but I hadn't realised that they had changed the language. I tried to compensate by speaking very clearly, rather as you might talk to a deranged

"What would happen," I said, "if someone found some lost property in Victoria sta-tion and handed it to a porter

There are secret things of the

greatest intimacy'

of its normal responsibilities believe him. We journalists have ways of finding these half-agreement to address the East Fife Rotarians on Wednesday week, or the reminder memo that Great Aunt Clare expects a bed on Tuesday night, are left in limbo because we know that the personal organiser has them in hand. Reconstructing its contents is a hopeless task because the brain has simply inding it therefore be-

came my obsession. I telephoned Victoria station, or Central Rail Inquiries as it is now called. I knew things were going to be difficult as soon as the voice said: Hello, my name is Derek. How may I help you?" I explained the problem in what John Major would call

property

the central nervous system, a

genetic sine qua non. A per-

sonal organiser contains, elec-

tronically stored, every known

piece of information around

which your life revolves.

These are not just names,

addresses, telephone numbers, dates, anniversaries,

notes, memos, random jot-

tings and the time Honolulu.

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But owning a personal organiser

has a more insid-

Because it is such a

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the mind relaxes,

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his specially calm voice.
"Oh dear, this is going to be difficult," said Derek, "Which train were you on?" I said I had not been on a train at the time. I had only been heading for one. "Yes, but we need to know what company you lunatic holding a gun to the head of your child.

bled desperately for the right words ... a railway operative, a customer relations representative, a transport services execu-

"I simply don't know," said Derek. You see, with this privatisation we're all a bit at sixes and sevens. Luckily, I didn't

things out. Within a mere 24 hours I had determined that there is a Lost Property Office at Victoria station. It is operated by Railtrack Ltd (of course). You can't speak to it but you can leave despairing messages on its answering machine. A friend, to whom I now owe a debt in blood, called in and gave a description. A very nice man called Fred Fernandez, whom I claim as a brother, reported that it had indeed been handed in. I feel I have rejoined the human race.

Lessons to be learnt always copy the contents of your personal organiser into a computer, provided you can find out how to do it. This will mean that you never get too emotionally entangled with it. Paste a little notice inside the lid offering large sums of money to whoever finds it. And make a note of the half dozen or so lost property offices that now serve each of our mainline stations - in your personal organiser, of

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In The Culture, on Sunday

# I've been in love, and I have had love affairs. But it's never quite worked out'

Sue MacGregor on why she would be happy to play topless darts — and the moment Fergie almost broke down during her radio interview

t was just after an interview with Kelvin Mac-view with Ma Kenzie about topless darts that Gary Richard the Today programme's ports reporter and fallguy. asked Sue MacGregor if she would take part in topless darts. If it's on radio I'm quite happy," replied Sue amiably, uniazed as always. The nation's two most fam-

ous redheads made a study in contrasts when Sue did the only radio interview with the Duchess of York — chronologically first of many such

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Roger Mosey, the Today editor, will be on Feedback this morning to answer aggrieved listeners (30 callers) who disapproved of a primetime slot usually reserved for political leaders, being given to such a trivial subject as that woman. His defence is that it was a terrific interview. If it lacked the jokiness of the Ruby x treatment, it had an finacy and directness and > nillions of us were riveted.

"Yes, I was that very vulnerable, very fragile, very naive person ... " said Fergie. "Very foolish person, too," intercept-ed Sue, equably. "Being without your husband doesn't inevitably lead to unfaithfulness," Sue went on, "and you have admitted being unfaithful to Andrew." "I haven't admitted it." said Fergie obliquely. Were you unfaithful to him? "I don't think that's relevant ... It's certainly not mentioned in the book ..."
Yesterday morning Miss

MacGregor was enjoying a day off; she had been planning a trip to Paris by Eurostar. Everything in her modest, sunny flat is neat, like her: well-coiffed, ever in control, incapable of embarrassing anyone. For 25 years, on Woman's Hour and Today. she has been the consummate broadcaster, epitome of reassurance, the picture of compo-

Fergie interview was iust J ther assignment in a ife of exacting routines: the 3.30am alarm, her 4.30 arrival

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club. She is a veteran of royal interviews: the Duke of Edinburgh, the Princess Royal, Prince Andrew... When she asked Prince Andrew about love, he replied that when the lightning bolt happened he would know. As they left the studio, he confided that the lightning bolt had already happened, as he had already

met Sarah Ferguson. So ten years on, she found herself waiting for Fergie in a

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bedroom in the Berkeley Ho-

tel. "She arrived in a mac with

her collar up, and no make-up.

I thought she was in a rather crestfallen mood, quite close to

"I felt quite apprehensive

about doing this interview,

because it's more In The Psychiatrist's Chair than To-

day. But I thought, if Diana had been asked about infidel-

ity, one had to ask her [the duchess] that I think her

answer spoke for itself. Had I

pushed her harder. I don't

think she would have been

able to continue without

questions?

tears some of the time.

**GROVE** -

what you get. She is an overtrusting person. And I think the references to 'my man', which some people find hard to take, indicate that she's still dotty about Andrew." Sue MacGregor, doctor's daughter, grew up in South Africa, which is why she is so addicted to radio: there was no THE

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television at all. Within three months of arriving in London in 1967 she was producing Radio Newsreel for the World Service, and soon serving a solid apprenticeship on The World at One with William Her voice has no colonial trace (except when talking to

deep intellectual resources to

Helen Suzman) but then she lived in Oxford until she was seven. She left school at 16 and for no proper reason skipped university, "a big regret", despite having shone academically. Her younger sister, a teach-

er, has twin daughters now reading medicine, one at Oxford and one at Cambridge: "So I live vicariously through them, lapping up every detail about university life." Was it a a lack of education

that made the two royal wives so incapable of coping? "That's an intellectually snobbish view." Sue said crisply. "Many people with several degrees can't cope with life. All Fergie did was spend, spend, spend. And as Ruby Wax pointed out - she is a great admirer of the Full Wax treatment - " she'd given all that Coutts money to good causes."

The only photograph on display in her flat is of Sue breaking down in tears." One newspaper suggested with Nelson Mandela in his that Sue wrote a "mollifying" jolly shirt at his home in Cape letter to Fergie afterwards. Town. There are no clues indicating a secret, rackety "Absolutely not." life, and it remains a mystery said Stie. "I just thanked her that Sive has remained immarfor appearing, and for answerried all these years: at least ing the questions courageousthree men have told me they were seriously in love with ly. I often write, if it was an her. I named X and Y. ("Dear important interview and got a



Sue MacGregor, the consummate interviewer. "The duchess is not someone with deep intellectual resources to fall back on; and that was part of her charm"

X," she says. "Dear Y.") "! used to ask myself that question a lot when I was in my thirties. I suppose I've hesitated to take that enormous step. which comes so naturally to most people. It never quite came naturally to me. I've been in love, and had love affairs, and I still have very close men friends. But it's never quite worked out."

If Sue MacGregor's good sense makes her the antithesis of Fergie, she is also just as much fim. none of the "nation's nanny" aura. She gives dinner parties and amuses audiences at pub-

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used by politicians, from Paddy Ashdown's "Good morning. Sue" (ie, a rebuke for her lack of greeting), to Norman Tebbit's "I'm surprised at you. Miss MacGregor. Had you read your Times you would know..." and so on.

The Brian Mawhinney outburst happened, she says, because he was in a radio car: in the studio, she would have raised an eyebrow and smiled as she asked question.

Her own politics remain impenetrable. "I really am a floating voter who has voted

for all sides in my time unlike my former colleague Peter Hobday, who says it is improper for a journalist to vote at all. She is properly appalled at

the prospect of Today's mov-

ing to horrible TV Centre and losing its central London location at the hub of the universe. and also its closeness to Oxford Street. (I once saw her in John Lewis's buying curtains, minutes after Today ended.) If there is a danger of the too formulaic and self-satisfied, she says listeners are sharp with their rebukes. "In-

creasingly we presenters are

bombarded with e-mail, mostly attacking us for not being tough enough with politicians. not for being over-aggressive." It is amazing that with her fine eyes, good cheekbones and ability to think on her feet, she was not snapped up by television. Desmond Wilcox did ask her to be on Man Alive: "He still can't understand why I turned it down." But as a TV star, she might have become subjected to the same unwelcome scrutiny as Anna Ford: her preference is for the intimate anonymity of radio. She hankers to do face-

to-face TV interviews, as

probably consider me too antediluvian." She does no homework.

only "keeping abreast" of events without seeing News at Ten or Newsnight. Her old friend Sir Robin Day is useful with his compendious political memory, and she has just acquired her first PC on which she can access the Today programme's plans for the next day. She can also access an Internet website called Live Cameras in Switzerland, Here she can see that Klosters. across the mountain from where she skis with passionate abandon every year, already has plenty of snow.



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# Who made mischief for Sir Robin?

Sue Cameron tells the tale of the

spin-doctor and the mandarin

7 hitehall is braced to take on a new and deeply unwelcome role as party political football in the run-up to the general election. Witness this week's row over the Tories' attack on Labour spending plans and the part played by Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary. The Cabinet Office described as "a travesty" press

reports on Wednesday that Sir Robin had protested to 10 Downing Street about the suggestion that civil servants had improperly helped to prepare the Tory tax bombshell. Claims that the Civil Service furore had "derailed" the Government's attempt to tarnish Labour's fiscal credibility were

Moreover, it came only days after an outcry over Michael Heseltine's plan to make civil servants draw up teams of cheerleaders for Tory policies. The press revealed that Sir Robin had intervened to stop the Deputy Prime Minister.

Now it is right and proper that Sir Robin, who is Head of the Home Civil Service as well as Cabinet Secretary, should step in and protect Whitehall officials from politdoes mean reprimanding min-

isters. However, to be seen doing it publicly, and more-over twice in a Labour was mischievous week. looks like carelessness - or worse. But in fact the Cabinet Secre-Tories were tary was the innocent victim, not the perpetrator, of an

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effective piece of spin-doctoring, intended to sabotage the Tory tax offensive As one senior mandarin commented: "It does seem that there was political mischief being made here, almost certainly by the Labour Party. And the handling of the whole affair by the Tories was extremely clumsy."

The chief suspect is Jonathan Powell. Tony Blair's chief of staff and a younger brother of the better-known Sir Charles Powell, Margaret Thatcher's private secretary. There is no reason to doubt Mr Powell's proficiency in the

black arts of spin-doctoring. It was the Government's anxiety to play by the book that gave Labour's spinners their chance. The Tories announced that the civil servants who had taken part in costing Labour's plans had followed guidelines laid down by Sir Robin. First came a report on the BBC, suggesting that in following Sir Robin's guidelines, civil servants had gone through every Labour frontbench speech, looking for policy pledges. Civil servants had in fact done no such thing, and would have been in direct breach of the guidelines if they had. But Mr Powell lost no time in drawing this report to Sir Robin's attention. Only much later that afternoon did the Cabinet Office issue a statement saying the BBC report had been misleading and drawing Labour's atten-

tion to the guidelines. But by then the damage had been done. Having been told Robin had taken the unusual step of sending a formal minute to Downing Street, the London Evening Standard had made the story its front-Labour instantly went on the attack, demanding that ministers apologise to the Civil Service. Attention was diverted away from the Tory attack on Labour spending plans by suggestions that ministers had been dragging civil servants

into party politics.
Yet the Tories were quite accurate in saying that officiguidelines and behaved quite properly. Ten years ago, when he was Second Permanent Secretary at the Treasury, Sir Robin drew up guidance that is clear and specific. "Departtime, under governments of either party, to cost the policies and pledges of their political opponents." it says. "Since de-partments would provide factual answers to questions from MPs about the costs of identifiable changes in activities or benefits, there is no objection to officials providing such factual information."

The emphasis on facts is crucial. Civil servants must never impugn their political neutrality by, for example, providing a minister with killer phrases for a speech

attacking the Opposition. But they can and should provide ministers with hard facts. If ministers use these to criticise the other side, that is their affair.

The guidelines injust clumsy sist that ministers. assisted if they wish by political advis-ers. must identify exactly what they want costed and what assumptions are to be made. All costings must be cleared with the Treasury before being pub-

that he was angered by the

brouhaha, senior officials

believe that he will lose no

time in having words with

Labour leaders, whom he

occasionally meets at the kind

of dinners and charity events

where all parties are present.

Whitehall expects that he will

quietly remind Labour of the

rules about not embroiling

civil servants in party politics.

He will point out that the

regulations cut both ways: a

Labour government would not

want its Tory opposition drag-

ging officials into an election

row. And he is likely to stress

that attempts to impugn

Whitehall neutrality by either

party could put a strain on

relationships between civil ser-

vants and politicians - not a

happy prospect for an incom-

The public would lose too,

Voters have a right to know

the cost of policy proposals

and politicians cannot be

trusted to provide accurate

information. The professional-

ism and political neutrality of

the Civil Service is the only

guarantee that the costings

given to the public by minis-

ters will bear some relation to

the facts. It would be a tragedy

if party political shenanigans

were to put such work out of

bounds for the Civil Service.

ing Labour government.

lished. After that, the figures are out of Whitehall's hands. although the guidelines say that officials may check presentation for factual accuracy and consistency will hear the complaints. Though Sir Robin denies

The Luvvies are coming! The Luvvies are coming! How many times, over how many years, have I heard that cry? And the cry is, was, and will ever be: "We are actors, we are directors, we are people of the theatre, so we must be treated and feted to show the world how important we are - so important that we, rather than the author, really should

business or craft or vocation - not newspaper columnist - that can beat

about the new New Statesman. The rescuer of that dying magazine is Geoffrey Robinson, MP, who has put Statesman, in the hope - a good hope I would guess — of reviving the old mag under the editorship of Ian Hargreaves and turning it into a new one. Anyhow, browsing through the New Statesman, I found an article by one Michael Bogdanov, of whom I had never heard, but who from now on is to be called Old Boggars, for I discovered that Old Boggars was the





THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

Luvvies and critics

So Michael Bogdanov wants us to strictly speaking once a year see behind the curtain. Only a

and a half. I myself must have watched the show for some-thing like 30 years, until I could take no more and gave in for ever. The pattern never changes, but the speaker does, very frequently, for it is felt that the tremendous burden would break the back, nay, the very soul, of so treasured a figure. absolutely necessary theatre director. Some fainthearts have said that who directs and directs and directs,

surely it will be stowed away for ever soon (some scoundrels have even said that it should never have started), but I knew better, and I was right. The bell rang once more only a week or two ago, so it is fully fresh - or would be fully fresh if it were not steeped fathoms deep in the stink.

What, you ask, is all this about? If you keep quite still when the wind is in the west, you will know, because faintly, then less faintly, then loudly and then tremendously loudly, you

Which complaints, and who is complaining about what? Why, of course, it is the Luvvies who are doing the complaining — it is always the Luvvies who are complaining. And why are they always complaining? Why, because they think they have not got their true and complete

I tell you, and I tell you true, that there can be no trade or work or even a Member of Parliament or a

the stage for vanity.
I suppose we all know by now

theatre director could be so vain immensely important and indeed

day and night, and even chucks in a bit of designing for the designs.

Very well, very well, get on with it. I
do get on with it. for the whining

begins almost immediately.

The whining starts here? But why should there be any whining? Stop and think — who is the enemy? The whiners think well of themselves, but that is true of most of us. Where's the difference? Step forward those dreadful. evil, disgusting, loathsome and absolutely appalling people called

critics. Ladies and gentlemen, the famous director Old Boggars has got a bad notice and the world must stop immediately and then go round the

Now I have been a theatre critic three

times, and each time I swore I would never do it again. (It took the third go to make it certain.) The first time was in the then Daily Express. and I was so young then that I thought I had died and gone to Heaven. For a time, my dear friend Robert Muller was the critic of the Mail, while I was at the Express, and at curtainfall we pounded down to Fleet Street arm in arm, each to our respective desk, to beat the chopper, sometimes by only a few seconds. (Some wit called Bob and me "The Kosher butchers".) Robert quit early, but I went on to become a columnist as well as a critic. The last time I was a critic was very many years ago: I was the critic for The Sunday Times. I remained a columnist but handed on the baton, and now John Peters has it,

I have digressed, but for a purpose. The purpose is to demonstrate to puffed-up, ignorant, whining Old Boggars that critics not only don't go about to ruin the lives of brilliant, immensely clever theatre directors, but actually have an entirely different job to do. When I started on Old Boggars's ghastly wailings. I said to

myself - I should have put money on it — that Old Boggars would, somewhere in his dreadful prose, tell

I would like our critics to undergo a course of practical theatre, the graft and grind of directing, to give them a better understanding of how theatre happens and and who is responsible

And he truly believes that what is necessary for the critics is for them to see behind the curtain, when the

exact opposite is called for. Doesn't he even understand that what comes over the footlights (and yes, I do know that

we don't have footlights now) has nothing to do with the backstage mechanics. however important those mechanics are?

The people who have paid money to see the play do not want to know what goes on behind the scenes, indeed most would shun an invitation - almost as much as

they would shun Old Boggars's showing off with words and names like Unterhaltungstheater and Aristotle and Schlegel and Schopenhauer and even Robert Lepage, who is told off for "textual ineptitude". But Old Boggars truly makes himself an ass and an absurdity - it really is an absurdity - when he goes so far as to tell us that Peter Brook's immortal Dream was all rubbish. (Did he even

Now it is said that Old Boggars is a very good director. I would be the last to deny it, particularly as I am not at all certain what directoring actors is. Do they run about shouting "director that man this instant" or "you're getting your directoring in a twist? But a man who can - and does write this gibberish should go to his proper place in the theatre and stay there, viz, behind the curtain, preferably a very thick curtain. Hark:

Life-art criticism is not a straight line but a triangle, with the critic at one apex, life and art in the others. If we were to draw an authorial triangle, the in relation to life and art.

Now if you look at the page in any newspaper's theatre listings, and examine the list closely, you will see that roughly half the theatres are filled with musicals, and a considerable number of the nonmusical plays have been in the same places for years on end - yes, and not just The Mousetrap. For instance. Dial M for Murder, Don't Dress for Dinner, The Woman in Black, Blood Brothers. And many of the plays that don't stay for years are themselves oldies. For instance, at the moment, we can see The Cherry Orchard, Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf, An Inspector Calls, An Ideal Husband, A Doll's House and When

hat does this mean? It. means, at least to me, that the British theatre is in an appalling state, Old Boggars should address himself to that state, rather than poncing around and beating his breast and implying that he is the greatest director of plays in the entire history of the world, bar none.

We Are Married

But let us apply ourselves to a rather different theme. There are, at the moment, a tiny, a very tiny, number of first-class new plays in London, where, after all, most of our theatre goes. Actually, at the moment, there is only one new truly first-class play going — the teasingly named Art, which is a stunningly brilliant and funny three-man story, which turns into something very tragically unfunny.

Let's have more good plays, eh, folks? But Old Boggars would say scream, actually — that the excretory critics (I forgot to say that Old Boggars is one of those who think excretorily) would ruin the plays.

Well, they might. But would it matter very much? I do greatly enjoy the theatre, but I would not throw myself over a cliff if the theatre in Britain shrivelled up and died. After all, there is precious little left of it now, and there will be even less in a few more years. I said that our theatre is in an appalling state, and so it is, but the world will not stop

Sometimes I wake shuddering, and think that I am a theatre critic again, but I shake my locks and think of Old Boggars and I smile. And — I shall let you into the secret — I smile because Old Boggars doesn't.

# Philip \* Howard



The best myths are always the ones that drag on

ortals still need myths. But today's myths appear in Hello! rather than Homer. The Cinderella/Penelophon myth iri which girl marries Prince for Duke, or Gazza or some other imagined god) and then lives unhappily ever after, echoes stories as old as Danaē and Creusa (Penelophon was the beggarmaid whom King Cophetua married). The National Lottery will soon repeat twice a week the Midas/Aladdin myth that gold cannot buy you happiness. Vampires and werewolves are stock cinema topics, too.

Even the smart booksellers stack books about dragons, descended from Tolkien's Smarg. under the new fantasy genre practised by Terry Pratchett and his ilk. Dragonheart, in which Sean Connery gives the dragon a Morningside Scot-Nat growl as well as snorting fire from its nostril, is roaring through cinemas. Compoter games and car toons are infested with dragons. Boydell & Brewer, which pub-lishes scholarly books of which some university presses would be proud, leads its autumn list with Dragons: The Modern Infestation. This is a brilliant piece of cod scholarship about the science of verminology (dragons), and it hints at the importance of dragons to Western culture. And in his inaugural lecture at Bristol University on Monday, Professor Richard Buxton discussed the modern

prevalence of dragons. And much else, of course, as one would expect from a young sage of mythology and our near-est native equivalent to Walter Burkert. For scholars, the scoop was Buxton's discovery that no fewer than 280 of the votive tablets at the Oracle of Dodona asked "Will we have children?" But it was naturally the dragons that caught the amateurs' attention. Why are we evidently still so interested in creatures which, with respect to Chinese New Year in Soho and Boydell & Brewer, never existed in extreme acceptance of the word

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exist"?

Lévi-Strauss, another who explored this no man's land of the imagination between the tame and the wild, said "monsters are good to think with. Richard Buxton defines a myth as a socially powerful traditional tale whose origin has been at least partially forgotten. The sort of stories he has in mind are the Judgment of Paris, the Garden of Eden, the Virgin Birth (passim in mythology, see The Golden Bough), and William Tell. And of course, in England, Robin Hood, who still inspires almost as many films and video games as dragons. Robin has become part of our national heritage. What a banal fate for the red-blooded Nottinghamshire hero, who took from the rich and gave to the poor, to be sat on by Virginia Bottomley.

uxton's example of a clas-Sic modern myth is Juras-sic Park. OK, so it was a crummy film, with brilliant special effects. But the children loved it. The acting has Richard Attenborough and the rest seemed to have been programmed by slow-motion computer animation, and it was a shame that the film-stars were not all eaten, including those odious children. But the dinosaur/dragon myth is compelling. Meat-eaters versus placid vegans, with volcanoes erupting doom in the background.

Like many good old myths, the dinosaur story has an end. After being Lords of the Earth for more than 150 million years. the dinosaurs were wiped out as a result of catastrophic environmental change at the so-called KT extinction event. Some ascribe the catastrophe of the dinosaurs to a meteorite, which lends the myth its ultimate Xfactor, or perhaps X-File factor.

There lies a modern myth. Medical advances, for example in cryogenics, have raised the possibility of the indefinite prolongation of life. Genetic. engineering is forcing us into a radical reconsideration of the boundary between nature and culture. The dinosaur myth explores anxieties about the boundaries between life and death, between nature and culture, about medicine and genetic engineering. Dragons entertain as well as they terrify, grownups as well as children, sophisticated children of the new millennium as well as of the Bronze Age.

Clever Hellenists such as Richard Buxton, while having one foot in the past, also have one foot in the present. Unless, of course they are one-legged

#### Hard Labour cold outside that he would have

HEADS swivelled on Tuesday night as the Goldsmith clan turned up with Diana, Princess of Wales at Wiltons restaurant in Jermyn Street, an expensive fish joint, to wet the head of Jemima's baby. Sulaiman. Imran Khan was absent, having already returned to

Among diners in the restaurant who were craning for a glimpse of royalty as the entourage swept past to a private room was Peter Mandelson, a ley acquaintance of the Princess. In another corner was Alan Clark, languid diarist and former minister, who has clearly given up hope of becoming an MP again.

As the private party progressed. Sir James Goldsmith emerged into the main restaurant and invited Clark to join them, which he did for a short while. He also beckoned to Mandelson, giving rise to a crisis of conscience for the dapper

Labour adviser. A recent lunch with Baroness Thatcher was one thing, but to be seen consorting with Sir James. even though it would have meant meeting the Princess again, was beyond the pale. Mandelson quickly made clear to paparazzi in the

nothing to do with Goldsmith and his cronies.

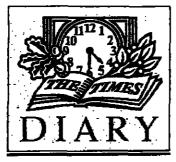
#### Bear baited

THE SECRETARY of State for Defence. Michael Portillo, has returned from a very important factfinding visit to the former Soviet Union where he was able to put his Russian O-level to best use con-

versing with the army top brass. It reminded him of an earlier visit to Nato, where a conversation with a Russian general took him by surprise.

The general growled at Portillo, and gravely asked him whether it was true that Nato operated on the basis of consensus: whether British soldiers were allowed to leave their bases for longer than a weekend; and whether they could go more than three miles from their bases when on leave. Portillo indicated that these were indeed

The general knitted his brows pensively and then leant forward. "Had we known all this," he boomed, "we would have invaded

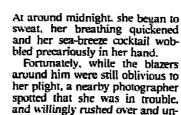


 Overwhelmed by the impending visit of the Princess Royal recently. Homerton Hospital in Hackney paid her the highest possible compliment. Workmen were detailed to change the tearoom from the frightfully-named Gossip Corner to Café Royale - which is even

Pat Cash.

Bodywear CAPRICE BOURRET. the American underwear model, has found a kind of fame in London that she never achieved back home. Sucked into a flesh-coloured catsuit, she was at the Ken and Barbie Childline fundraiser in a South Kensington restaurant, along with Tara, Tamara and Mr and Mrs

Miss Bourret's evening, however, nearly ended in suffocation.



breathe properly again. She even let out a giggle to celebrate. Lord a-leaking

#### LORD MOTTISTONE took a ducking in the Lords debate the

zipped her catsuit to halfway down

her back. Relief. At last, she could



Caprice: tight squeeze

other day on water companies. The septuagenarian sailor. Conservative and godson of the Duke of Windsor informed Earl Ferrers of his domestic arrangements: "Is my noble friend aware," he asked, "that as a result of being metered for the past five or six years I pay around half the amount for my water that I did when it was

Earl Ferrers: "My Lords, that is interesting. I suggest my noble friend applies the same technique to his whisky bottle."

#### Jaded palette

INNOCENT they may be to look at, but the paintings of Mick and Bianca Jagger's daughter Jade - who opened her first solo exhibition in a West End gallery last night - are by all accounts bursting with hidden

meanings. Critics have referred to "mandalas which exude mysticism, divinity and spiritual quintessence" in the fluttering paintings of but-terflies. Jade herself talks of the "power of the painted image above an external theory of colour symbolism or prescribed forms laid down by Tantric priests in their search for spiritual

The fancy stuff is all lost on me,



but there was a jolly party last night, attended by Mick and Bianca as well as by various designers. And someone remarked on the lavish use of gold leaf in her paintings: "She clearly isn't stary-

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# THE WATCHDOG POODLE

A single currency needs Parliament's singular scrutiny

Stealth has been the handmaiden of European integration, and democracy its brake. The difficulties encountered in getting the Maastricht treaty through the British Parliament and past the French and Danish peoples tempered the centralising ambitions of Europe's governing elites for a time, but did not reform them. The bruises only reinforced the need to shield the forward march of federalism from scrutiny. It is anfortunate that the Prime Minister should now be an accomplice in this process. By deciding to prevent the Commons properly debating plans for monetary union, John Major is treating the watchdog of Par-liament as a poodle. In doing so he has offended not only constitutional principle but most of his own backbenchers. Even by the most cynical standards of the Whip's Office the Prime Minister is in the wrong.

The regulations that Mr Major considers adequately investigated after an agitated hour in committee are not minor legislative changes which should only detain the attention of the obsessive. They are provisions for the operation of a European single currency with potentially devastating effects on Britain's prosperity and indepen-nence. He has resisted calls to rule out British participation in a single currency because he wants to maximise Britain's influence over its evolution. That is, in itself, \_\_prudent diplomacy. But if Mr Major wishes to maximise effective scrutiny of the single currency, he should surely allow Parliament

to debate its development fully. Mr Major argued recently in The Times that a single currency created on the wrong terms could be a "disaster" for Britain, even if the British Government had not joined, because of the effects on our main trading partners. Vital British interests are at stake in the form that the single currency will take. This issue should not be smuggled past MPs. The single currency deserves singular

It is not just concern for the health of those to secure is still a sure protection.

nations which do join a single currency, and their effect on Britain, which should concern Parliament. The regulations which Mr Major airily insists need no further scrutiny could, according to Martin Howe, QC, lead to a future British government, outside the single currency, being fined by the European Court for following an economic policy in the interests of its own citizens.

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The draft regulation on surveillance of budgetary positions could require the British Government, even if outside a single currency, to provide details of its economic plans to show that progress is being made towards "convergence" with the euro. Britain would not be able to veto such a provision because the regulation has been framed under Article 103 of the Treaty of Rome, as amended by Maastricht, which allows content to be decided by qualified majority voting. If a future government then submitted budget plans which did not "converge" it could face a financial penalty. Under Articles 169 and 170 of the treaty, the British government could be fined by the European Court of Justice for running an economy that was too competitive relative to the Continent.

It is bad enough that Britain might be punished for protecting its citizens from a single currency. The attempt to deny Parliament the chance to scrutinise the possibility properly is insupportable. It is not good enough to say that Parliament will be able to decide on the merits of a single currency in future. There is every chance that these regulations could bind Britain even if it stands aloof. If the regulations are innocuous then the Government has nothing to fear. If they are as dangerous as Mr Howe fears then a debate is imperative, because the single currency opt-out, like the social chapter opt-out, will prove a paper shield. The Prime Minister should not only allow a debate, he should also speak in it, if he believes that the opt-out he fought so hard

THE SPEAKER'S CORNER

In Clinton's new term Gingrich bids to be the come-back kid

With open reluctance in some quarters, Republicans in the House of Representatives scale of his programme and style of his have confirmed Newt Gingrich as their pronouncements, Mr Clinton's second term The caution of his colleagues is understandable. Although a Republican House ias re-elected for the first time since the Great Depression, many members suffered the fright of their political lives. Few could pretend that in most districts Mr Gingrich was anything other than a liability. Since the principled but ultimately unsuccessful struggle to force President Clinton into a balanced budget agreement 12 months ago, the Speaker has suffered continuous highly adverse public poll ratings.

Democrats and their supporters in the union movement exploited that negative standing effectively this year. Virtually all House Republicans were labelled as "Gingrich extremists". And, although more than 70 charges against him have already been dismissed, a special counsel is still investigating various allegations of ethical impropriety. Little wonder that a rather subdued Mr Gingrich has pledged a lower profile and less combative style over the next two years. It all seems a long way from the Contract with America and its barnstorming first hundred days.

Mr Gingrich is not finished yet. His party has backed him despite all these difficulties because of his enduring assets. He remains an inspiring visionary, a supreme political strategist, and the man most capable of pargaining between the various interests nd egos among Republicans on Capitol Hill. There is no obvious alternative of similar quality. Unless there is real substance in the remaining ethical questions against him, he will remain at the helm. Nor does he need to be that defensive. While Mr

Gingrich certainly overreached in both the leader and Speaker in the Congress to come. gives him the opportunity to advance his

agenda and remake his image. Conservation temains the don within the American electorate If Mr Clinton had not recognised that and swiftly adapted to it he would have lost office. The areas that Mr Gingrich will promote in the next Congress - eliminating the budget deficit, tax cuts, deregulation, smaller govemment, further welfare reform - are widely supported, even if he personally is not. Republicans are remarkably united, committed, and disciplined both in philosophical terms and in their votes on the House floor. This coherence will make the management of business somewhat easier for the Speaker than his slim 20-seat majority might suggest.

Mr Gingrich should also enjoy a better relationship with his colleagues in the Senate. Senate majority leader Trent Lott is now at least the equal of the Speaker: but that is no disaster. Mr Lott is much closer to Mr Gingrich in ideology than Senator Bob Dole ever was. The Senate over which Mr Lott presides has just witnessed both an increased Republican membership and a significant

shift to the right within party ranks. Mr Gingrich remains the enigma of American politics, alternating between the brilliant and the bizarre at breathtaking speed. If he disappeared from public life tomorrow he would still rank among the three most important Speakers of the century. If he proves capable of learning from his mistakes, then he can push forward a set of popular initiatives next year and dare the President to veto them. It would be dangerous folly for Democrats to underestimate him.

#### MISS WORLDLY

Who is to define obscenity in the land of the Kamasutra?

Not since the Trojan War has a beauty contest threatened such dire consequences. Sniffer dogs are patrolling the giant stadium, two all-women platoens of paramilitary police are on standby for snatch arrests, bomb squads are in place and police will form a ring of steel around the arena in Bangalore where Miss World will be crowned tomorrow. In recent years the contest has provoked catcalls, demonstrations and shrill denunciation by feminists protesting at this festival of the female form. But rarely has it threatened a general strike or the self-

immolation by fire of activists. The bemused organisers can be forgiven for wondering how the popular show, likely to attract an audience of two billion people, can have provoked such a furore. India is a country where entertainment is big business: its cinema industry is one of the largest in the world, its festivals, pageants and wedding entravaganzas are occasions for public display, exhibition and exuberance. ladia is anxious to become part of the international television world, showcase its diversity and demonstrate that it is a thoroughly modern society. Indeed, Indian Women have on several occasions been the winners of previous competitions, profitably

capitalising on their success. The Miss World contest has also made gallant attempts to get away from its past:

contestants have to demonstrate charm. intelligence, ambition and grace as well as an alluring figure. The most controversial section, the swimsuit parade, has already been held in the Seychelles, a setting where such kit is more suited to the landscape. As The Times of India noted yesterday, this is not a celebration of nudity or obscenity. And who is to define obscenity in the land of the Kamasutra? "Surely Indians are not so faint-hearted as to faint at the sight of a row of beauties parading in colourful, if somewhat abbreviated, costumes?"

But matters are not so simple. There is a distinct disenchantment in non-Western countries at being offered hand-me-down entertainment that has gone out of fashion in London, Paris, New York and Los Angeles. Some Indians have become resentful of the dominance of Western entertainment on their airwaves and screens. Hindu activists have denounced what they see as an insidious attempt by the West to undermine traditional values and subvert Indian morals. Many in the West would have some sympathy with this cultural assertiveness. And yet the first Indian kiss on celluloid dates back to the 1930s. India is a sufficiently diverse society to withstand a emporary influx of preening pulchritude. Miss World will be crowned tomorrow. But no one is obliged to worship at her court.

#### ETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Some perspective on the tunnel fire

From Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander Twickel (9th/12th Lancers, retd)

Sir, With the benefit of hindsight we are now being treated by many journalists to their superior concept of design, construction and operation of the Channel Tunnel (reports, November 19, 20, 21). If they had had their way we would still be squabbling over

where to start digging.

The fact remains that the evacuation of the passengers from the tunnel was conducted with no loss of life and with best speed in a most successful operation. Of course lessons will be learnt and no doubt there will eventually be some modifications to equipment and procedures. Let us however not be drawn into unnecessary "kneeierk" reactions.

Before the first bridge over the Severn Estuary was built British Railways operated a service for cars through the Severn Tunnel. Because passengers were separated from their cars and because of the bureaucratic and inflexible modus operandi of this now happily defunct body a journey which should have lasted 30 to 45 minutes took many hours with the result that hardly anyone used it and the

operation lost money. In Switzerland (a nation not exactly renowned for laid-back railway staff) cars are loaded onto railway flats, passengers stay in their cars and indeed could in theory stand on the flats outside their vehicles. For instance the Lötschberg tunnel has two railway tracks running in the same bore and there is no additional service tunnel. Yet the safety record there is excellent.

I have taken my car both through the Channel Tunnel and through Alpine tunnels. I am very happy with the present arrangements. I do not wish to travel in a different railway wagon from my car as this will add time and further inconvenience to my journey. I for one would rather put my trust into the team of engineers and businessmen who made this most remarkable engineering achievement possible than those who only think they know better.

Yours faithfully. ALEXANDER TWICKEL Tidmington Corner, Shipston on Stour, Warwickshire.

From Mr E. H. R. Fane

Sir, A ferry capsizes. Safety systems fail. Many people die. Ro-ro designs are questioned. An inquiry is initiated

- but ro-ro ferries continue to operate. A Channel Tunnel freight train catches fire. Main safety systems ap-pear to operate. All people survive. Design is questioned. An inquiry will no doubt be initiated - but passenger services are suspended indefinitely until, according to the spokesman for Eurotunnel whom you quote today, "the safety authority has ensured that the safety of people is assured". Is this fair?

Yours faithfully, EDWARD FANE, 15 Kyrle Road, SW11. November 2L

From Mr Christopher Jackson

Sir, In today's leader, "Nightmare scenario", you refer to Parliament being told that tunnel services cannot be resumed until absolute safety can be guaranteed". But "absolute safety does not exist in any form of transport. Ships sink, ferries overturn, trains, planes, cars, lorries and coaches crash. The history of transport is generally a record of increasing but

never absolute safety. As a former pilot, and as one who frequently uses both the tunnel and the ferries, this week's accident, which was without loss of life or serious injury, seems to me to prove that the tunnel services provide a safe mode of transport compared to most, and one which will become safer still as procedures rather than hardware are im-

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER JACKSON (Conservative MEP, Kent East, 1979-94), 8 Wellmeade Drive, Sevenoaks, Kent. November 20.

#### Financial problems of Bar trainees

From Mr Michael Paget

Sir, With respect, Judge McCarthy (letter, November 15), when explaining the historical development of the relationship between a pupil and his or her self-employed pupilmaster, fails to place it in a modern context.

It is, of course, accepted that pupils acquire invaluable insight through this unique training, but the Bar as a whole must concern itself with the financial burdens on present-day pupils. Without reasonable awards high cali-bre but impecunious candidates will turn elsewhere. Surely for the Bar to have a flourishing future it must endeavour to recruit people who accurately reflect society, in all its

MICHAEL PAGET (Pupil barrister), 1 Harcourt Buildings, Temple, EC4.

From Mr Matthew J. P. Roberts

Sir, As a second-six-months pupil 1 find Judge McCarthy's observations on pupillage ill-informed. The major-ity of people who undertake the Bar vocational course have done so in substantial debt from the high level of fees for Bar school (£5,500) and the cost of living in London. Most of those fortunate enough to obtain pupillage have an overdraft at the outset.

Judge McCarthy's suggestion that a trainee solicitor undertakes work of merit which deserves payment whilst those training at the Bar do not is un-tenable. Pupils are required to undertake many tasks ranging from research and doing large amounts of paperwork to becoming accustomed to court appearances. Whilst those training as solicitors have both a

guaranteed salary and to some extent

regularised hours, those in pupillage

are required to work whatever hours

are demanded of them, quite often for

no reward. The judge's suggestion that a pupil should remunerate his pupilmaster betrays a lack of understanding of the modern Bar. I am astounded that any-one could possibly believe that the Bar is so different from any other profession that it can justify denying a basic level of subsistence during the professional training stages. This is a problem that is acknowledged by both the

Bar Council and the Inns of Court,

who are striving to ameliorate such

Yours faithfully, M. J. P. ROBERTS, Verulam Chambers, Verulam Street, WCI. November 19.

#### Parlez-vous French?

From Mr Eric Dehn

Sir, I cannot agree with Susan Elkin ("Parlez-vous Franglais?", Education, November 15) when she claims that standards reached in foreign languages were higher in the good old

We learnt a language in the past, in my case some fifty years ago, in order to deceive an examiner rather than communicate, and emerged from school qualified but totally tongue-

Grammar, of course, should not be ignored so long as it is linked to usage but there was an over-emphasis on the mastery of rules and a neglect of conversational fluency. Even as recently as the 1980s I taught a student who never made a mistake in writing: I felt frustrated with my red-ink pen per-manently suspended, but he never said anything. I sent him to a family in France and the father wrote to me saying: "Nêver again send me a boy who keeps telling me I ought to have used the subjunctive."

Dictation, containing grammatical traps to catch the unwary, rarely used material that was relevant (why must that word always have a derogatory implication?). In my own distant schooldays I remember being subiected to a dictation telling me that a harassed beggar met an emharrassed pedlar gauging the symmetry of a lady's ankle in the cemetery.

A compromise between ancient and

modern methods of teaching will not lead to a lowering of standards. Yours sincerely, ERIC DEHN, 5 Trelawney Road, Bristol.

From Mrs Chris Grovenor

Sir. I entirely agree with Susan Elkin about the contrast between the rigour of the O-level French course and the current GCSE version. Even more demanding were the language papers of the School Certificate examination which I took in 1943, with one exception; the oral examination was a joke.

I went on to take French in the Higher School Certificate and the Slevel papers. I thoroughly enjoyed the extensive study of Molière and the classical tragedies, could read French with the same facility as English and translate passages of considerable grammatical complexity into French. However, I found that after the war when travel again became possible I could not, without much hesitation. ask for directions or order a meal, let aione hoid a conversation.

Can we not devise language courses which combine intellectual discipline with conversational facility? One only has to hear Dutch or Scandinavian 15 to 16-year-olds speaking English to know that it is possible.

Yours faithfully, CHRIS GROVENOR, 11 The Quadrangle, Kings End. Bicester, Oxfordshire. November 16.

#### TV guidance

From Mr Paul Berry

Sir. As a parent, I have often wondered why the TV channels have not taken up the certification method used for films and videos, so it was interesting to see your report (World Sum-mary, November 19) that French TV stations are now taking this route.

Our 9 o'clock watershed is a useless anachronism. Can the children watch the film we recorded last Christmas what time was it on? And was it cleaned-up for early evening viewing? Is a documentary shown after 9pm because it is unsuitable for children, or because it has minority interest?

Everyone is familiar with the film certification system, and the criteria are quite clear. How much better if TV channels voluntarily applied a simple certificate to each programme. Programme-makers would make an explicit statement of their intended audience: for example, would the makers of Casualty expect their programme to be viewed by a child under 12? Every episode?

Yours faithfully. P. A. BERRY. 12 Silverdale Road, Bushey, Hertfordshire. Island files

From Dr G. A. Howlett

Sir, Some 15 years ago the late Profes-Richard Cobb gave a brilliant series of lectures on everyday life in occupied France. Being a humane and civilised man he would warn his listeners not to judge too harshly, from the privileged position of these uninvaded islands, the sad and shabby compromises with which many Frenchmen and Frenchwomen had adapted them-

selves to the new reality.

His words came back to me with a special poignancy when I read your report (November 20) on the release of previously secret files on the Channel Islands during the last war. While as a historian I applaud the availability of new evidence, I cannot help feeling that you were wrong to give promi-nence to the names of several alleged practitioners of la collaboration horizontale and other misdeeds. Many of the people involved are no doubt still alive, and apart from a taste for vicarious revenge and ritual humiliation I can see no reason to name them to a wide audience.

Yours faithfully. GARETH HOWLETT. 16 Inverleith Row, Edinburgh.

#### Lottery watchdog

From the Director General of the National Lottery

Sir, I am writing to comment on Valerie Elliot's report, "Lottery watchdog rebuked by MPs for not checking Camelot" (November 14), and your leading article the following day. "His number is uo".

As a public official I expect my actions to be scrutinised, reported in a reasonably balanced way, and criticised where justified on the basis of the facts. Your paper's reporting and comment is unbalanced and inaccurate, and (to quote your leading article) any bad publicity that [my] continuance in office has engendered has mainly been generated by successive instalments of *The Times's* longrunning criticism of me.

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) is fully considering the National Audit Office (NAO) report Payments to the National Lottery Distribution Fund and the evidence that I gave to the PAC on November 13. Your comments, meanwhile are based on an inaccurate statement about what the NAO found; on selective quotation from the comments made by some members of the PAC at

the hearing; and on criticism of the Government's long-standing approach to NAO access to private sector

Nothing in the NAO report suggested that "only one of the 21 checks had been implemented". The NAO in fact said: "As at 31 October 1995, much work had been done on the development of the compliance work programme, but this work was not complete" and showed that 10 of the 21 programmes had been reported on. Work was in progress on others.

Furthermore, I made clear to the PAC that these checks are only part of the layers of control put in place by Oflot since the outset of the National Lottery. This programme is now fully in place. I would also remind you that the NAO's key finding was that all sums recorded as due to the Distribution Fund had been paid punctually

I made clear in my evidence to the PAC that although I have complete ac-

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cess myself to any Camelot information I need, and all this information is thus available to the NAO, I have no powers to require Camelot to open its books directly to the NAO. It is the Government's stated view that such direct access is neither appropriate or

Finally, the PAC was not concerned with unclaimed prize money, as your leader suggested. They questioned me about the amount by which the operator has fallen short of the prize target set year by year in the licence. As I explained to the committee, the reasons for this shortfall are to a large extent outside Camelot's control, and I am reviewing the matter to see whether a better system can be found.

The NAO report suggests that Camelot earned interest of £6 million on the shortfall. However, the good causes are £153 million richer to date as a result so, while the current system is not perfect, it has certainly benefited the good causes. Overall, they have benefited by £2.7 billion from the National Lottery.

Yours faithfully, PETER DAVIS, Director General. National Lottery. 2 Monck Street, SW1. November 20.

#### Budget appeal in aid of the family

From the Executive Director of CARE and others

Sir, If taxes are to be reduced in next week's Budget, should not the Chan-cellor's priority be to give help to those taxpayers who need it most?

In recent years the tax burden has swung markedly from single people without children onto married couples, particularly those where one partner stays at home to look after the children or elderly or dependent rela-tives. If income tax rates are cut again while tax allowances are increased (if at all) only in line with inflation, the main benefit will not be felt by families, many of whom are among the

least well off. The fragmentation of society, leading to poorer education and health standards and increased crime rates, has many causes; but the increasing disregard for marriage is certainly one of them. We believe that the most immediate and direct way of helping families by tax changes would be to increase the married couples allow-

Yours faithfully, CHARLIE COLCHESTER. †MICHAEL BOWEN, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Southwark. TJAMES HULLEN:, DAVID COFFEY, General Secretary. Baptist Union. CLIVE CALVER. General Director, Evangelical Alliance. PAUL JINADU. General Secretary. Afro-Caribbean Evangelical Alliance. c/o CARE (Christian Action Research and Education). 53 Romney Street, SW1. November 20.

#### Going to St Ives

From Mr Michael Knight

Sir. Anyone going to Cornwall with the seven wives in mind (leading article, November 18) may end up at the wrong place. St Ives, Cambridgeshire (near Huntingdon) has some claim to be the town mentioned in the

The tenuous evidence for this is that St Ives, Cornwall, was spelt St Ies (no 'v") until the loth century and did not rhyme with "wives". The origin of the verse may predate the inclusion of a v" in the Cornish name.

MICHAEL KNIGHT. Quay Court, Bull Lane, St Ives, Cambridgeshire. November 14.

#### Oxbridge blues

From Mr Tim Houghton and others

Sir, The annual graduate recruitment battle is upon us. As in every year since Henry II kindly set in motion the murder of Thomas à Becket - thus providing the impetus for the inception of those noble universities, Oxford and Cambridge - many of those tired and battered soldier scholars. retiring from the field without a job. are crying "Oxbridge bias!"

Oxford and its bastard child Cambridge (only kidding) are portrayed ad nauseam as bastions of privilege. In many ways this is quite the case. They provide a frighteningly effective education. The experience of alone defending an ill-conceived and fundamentally flawed essay against a tutor who is the intellectual equivalent of HMS Dreadnought is intensely valuable. It prepares one for almost any-

However, the Oxbridge graduate earned this undeniably superb education. He or she was probably required to have attained distinction at A level. The Oxbridge interview can be har-rowing: he or she will then have been made to work ferociously hard.

Our friends who were at other excellent universities are not made to feel guilty about their success. Why should Oxbridge graduates - who have, on average, extremely good aca-demic credentials — be made to feel that they owe theirs to a sinister "Ox-

Yours faithfully. TIM HOUGHTON (Exeter College, Oxon, 1992-95), BEN PILLING (Lincoln College, Oxon, 1991-94), JON HOUGH (St Hugh's College, Oxon, 1991-95). c/o 5b Natal Road. Streatham Common, SWI6. November 19.

#### A Cambridge summer

From Dr M. J. Mitchinson

Sir. I think the champions of a longer summer term at Cambridge (report. November 15) must have been my younger colleagues.

In my undergraduate days, when priorities were different, it was common knowledge that the date of the end of the summer term was decided by the Jockey Club. They decided the date for Goodwood years ahead. Henley, in turn, had to be placed before Goodwood: clearly, term must end before Henley.

Yours faithfully M. J. MITCHINSON. University of Cambridge. Department of Pathology. Tennis Court Road. Cambridge. November 15.

#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** November 21: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Bed and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Licutemant of Bedfordshire (Mr Samuel Whithread) and the Mayor. Borough of Bedford (Mr Apu Bagchi).

The Queen drove to Westbourne

Centre, Westbourne Road, and was received by the Chairman. Queen's Park Partnership (Mr Thomas

Wells).
Her Majesty toured the Centre, meeting some of those who use it, and

meeting some of those who use it, and opened the Nursery.

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, afterwards opened Harrowden Middle School and was received by the Chairman of Governors (Councillor Tony Mitchell) and the Head Teacher (Mrs. Chant Britshade).

Cheryl Birkbeck).
Her Majesty and His Royal Highness toured the School, meeting pupils and staff.

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh. later honoured the Mayor of the Borough of Bedford with her presence at Luncheon at the

Corn Exchange.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness this afternoon walked through

St Paul's Square and Harpur Square. escorted by the Mayor.
The Queen afterwards opened Cygnet Wing, Bedford Hospital, was received by the Chairman, Bedford Hospital NHS Trust (Mr Gilbert

Beazley) and viewed some of the wards in the Wing.

Her Majesty, accompanied by His
Royal Highness, later opened the
new Brigade Communications
Centre. County Fire and Rescue
Headquarters, Kempston, and was
expected by the County Fire Officer received by the County Fire Officer (Mr Peter Holland) and the Mayor of Kempston (Councillor Olga Wesley).

The Duke of Edinburgh this morn-ig visited Bedford Sports and ing visited Bedford Sports and Hockey Club. His Royal Highness this afternoon visited E.F. Taylor plc.
The Prince of Wales, on behalf of

The Queen, held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning, November 21: The Prince Edward. Trustee, this afternoon held a meet-

ing of the Trustees Working Com-mutee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Foundation at Buckingham Palace, His Royal Highness. Chairman of the International Council. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this evening attended a Dinner at the Savoy, London WC2.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 2l: Lieutenant-Colonel J.
Murray today had the honour of
being received by Queen Elizabeth
The Queen Mother. Colonel-in-Chief.
The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment), upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer of the 3rd Banalion.

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Lieuienant-Colonel R. Riddell also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming his appointment as Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion, The Black Warch (Royal Highland Regiment).

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, was represented by Sir Alastair Aird at the Memorial Service for Mr Gerald Darling Admiralty luther of Gerald Darling, Admiralty Judge of the Cinque Ports, which was held in the Temple Church, this evening.

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November 21: The Prince of Wales.
Colonel-in-Chief. The Z2nd (Cheshire)
Regiment. this morning received
Lieutenant-Colonel Timothy Page upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer, Ist Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel Bryan upon assuming

appointment.

His Royal Highness. President. Business in the Community and The Prince's Trust, this afternoon at-tended the launch of Gifts in Kind UK at St James's Palace.

The Prince of Wales later visited Lotus Cars Limited, Hethel, Norwich, toured the assembly line and ineering facility and met a num-

KENSINGTON PALACE November 21: The Duke of Glouces-ter, President, NABC - Clubs for Young People, today visited Clubs in the City of Bristol and Somerser and was received by Her Majesty's Lond-Lieutenant of the City of Bristol (Mr Jay Tidmarsh) and Lady Gass (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset).

#### Royal engagements

Prince Edward, as chairman, will hold a meeting of the International Council of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association at Marlborough House, at 9.30; and will attend a council dinner at the Army and Navy Club, at 7.30.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, will Crime Concern Services brochures and high crime neighbourhoods strategy, National Motorcycle Mu-seum, Solihuli, at 10.20.

#### Sir Ronald Leach

A Service of Thanksgiving for the of the British Empire in St Paul's Monday, January 20, 1997, fol-lowed by luncheon at Cutlers' Hall. Warwick Lane, London EC4.

Dr John Newton Agar A memorial service for Dr John Newton Agar will be held on Saturday, November 30, at 2.30pm in Sidney Sussex College Chapel, Cambridge.

#### University news Cambridge

Queens' Colleg Mr Murray J. Milgate has been elected to an Official Fellowship at Queens' College, from October 1.

#### Lectures Royal Society

Professor Terence Jones, of the University Technology Centre, Oxford, delivered the 1996 Royal Society Esso Energy Award Lec-nure last night at 6 Carlton House Terrace. Dr Sir John Horlock. FRS, Treasurer of the Royal Society, was in the chair.

At a dinner held afterwards Ms Mary Goldring was the guest speaker. Dr Keith Taylor. Professor Michael Burdekin, FRS, and Dr Peter Warren, executive secretary of the society, were among The Royal Fine Art Commission

Lord St John of Fawsley, the Chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission, presided at the Anlife and work of Ronnie Leach will nual Lecture on Thursday. Square given by Lord Chadlington entitled The Lottery and the Arts: Where do we go from here?". The lecture was followed by a reception. Among those present were members of the Diplomatic Corps and both Houses of Parliament.

#### Service lecture Royal Signals

Dr Mary Archer delivered the annual lecture to members and guests of the Royal Signals Institution last night at the Merchant Centre, London, Major-General C.N. Last presided. Major-Gen-eral A.C. Birtwistle, Master of Signals, and Brigadier N.F. Wood, Signal Officer-in-Chief (Army)

#### Service dinners

The Queen's Royal Lancers Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Swinburn, Colonel of The Queen's Royal Lancers, presided at the annual officers' dinner held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

Corps of Royal Engineers General Sir John Stibbon. Chief Royal Engineer, presided at a Corps of Royal Engineers guest night dinner held last night in Chatham Sir Frederick Crawford. Mr Richard Mottram and Air Vice-Marshal Tim Jenner were imong the guests.

RAF Strike Command

Air Chief Marshal Sir William Wratten received the guests at a dining in night held last night at RAF Strike Command. High Wycombe. Group Captain A.I.B. Beedie presided. University of London Air Souadron

Air Vice-Marshal J.R. Day, Air Officer Commanding No I Group, and Professor Andrew Rutherford. Vice-Chancellor of London University, were the guests of honour at the University of London Air Squadron's annual dinner held last night at the squadron's town headquarters. Wing-Commander R.J.A. Powell, Squadron Commander, presided.

#### **Dinners**

Lord Jenkin of Roding

The Lord Chancellor was the guest of honour at a dinner of the 1912 Club held last night at the House of Lords by courtesy of Lord Jenkin of Roding, president of the club, who also spoke. Sir Roger Sims. MP, chairman, was in the chair. Lincoln's Inn

Lord Justice Peter Gibson, Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn. and the Masters of the Bench entertained at dinner in hall last night it being Grand Day of Michaelmas Term.

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Among those present were:
The Earl of Limerick, the Right Rev
Lord Runcle. Lord Rawlinson of
Ewell, OC Lord and Lady Lloyd of
Berwick Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead, Lord Hope of Craighead, Lord
Justice Simon Brown, Lady Gibson.
Sir Iain Gildewell. Lord Justice
Leggan. Lord Justice Carswell. Mr
Justice Buxton. Admirai Sir Jock
Slater, Sir Robin Butler, Miss Clare
Francis. Mr Conrad Dehn. of
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Smethurst, Mr George Cawkwell,
Professor Francis Reynolds. OC.
Pmiessor Jack Beatson. Mr John
Holroyd, Miss Libbs Purves and
Captain P M Carver Junder
treasurer.

European-Atlantic Group Mr Michael Portillo, Secretary of State for Defence, was the guest of honour and speaker at a dinner of the European-Atlantic Group held last night at the St Ermin's Hotel. Viscount Montgomery of Alamein. president, was in the chair and Admiral of the Fleet Sir Julian Oswald also spoke.

Chemical Industries Association The Lord Mayor of Westminster attended the annual dinner of the Chemical Industries Association held last night at Grosvenor House. Dr Manfred Schneider. Chairman of the Board of Management of Bayer AG, was the principal speaker. Dr Robin Paul. president of the association. and Dr Elliot Finer. director eral, received the gr

The Golf Match Club A dinner was held last night at the Fishmongers' Hall to mark the centenary of the Golf Match Club. The Captain, Mr Christopher Palmer-Tomkinson, proposed the health of the guests who included Mr T. Harvey Douglas. Captain of the R & A. and representatives of many other golf clubs. Lord Griffiths responded on behalf of the guesis.

Institution of Mechanical Engineers

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) held its An-nual Dinner at the London Hilton on Park Lane last night. Mr Roy Hattersley, MP, and Tom O'Connor were guest speakers. The President of IMechE. Professor Ernest Shannon, was in the Chair.



player in 1961 was the first Englishman to beat the Australian champion Rod Laver, with the insignia of the OBE he received from the Prince of Wales at a Buckingham Palace investiture yesterday

#### Memorial services

Lord Killearn The Lord Chancellor attended a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Killearn held yesterday at Si Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, Canon Donald Gray, Chaplain

to the Speaker, officiated and the Right Rev Simon Phipps led the prayers. Mr Alexander Bonsor, grandson, and Lord Killearn, halfbrother, read the lessons. Major I.M. Calvocoressi gave an address.

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Lieutenant-Colonel St John Brooke Johnson The Lord Mayor attended a service

Lieutenant-Colonel St John Brooks Johnson, Common Cryer and Serjeant-at-Arms to the Lord Mayor, 1970-1984 and Swordbearer 1984 87, held yesterday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall.

The Rev David Burgess, Guild Vicar of St Lawrence Jewry, officiated, assisted by the Rev Basil Watson. Field Marshal Sir John Stanier and Lord Denman read gave an address. Members of the family, representatives of St Edward's School, Oxford, the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment (29th/45th Foot), the Mansion House, the Fair bridge Society, P & O and Aldermen. Common Councilmen and Officers of the Corporation of London were among those present.

#### Forthcoming marriages

JOHN STILLWELL

M G.F.C.M. de Champvallier and Miss M.E.D. Cacciotti The engagement is announced between Gilles, son of Michel and Françoise de Champvallier, of Paris, and Melissa, daughter of Adelmo Caccioni, of Rome, and of Susan Caccioni, of London. Mr J.A. Farrer-Brown

The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Geoffrey Farrer-Brown, of Radnage. Buckinghamshire, and Gaynor, daughter of Mr Nicholas Cammish, of Mapledurwell, Hampshire, and Mrs Teresa Cammish, of Cockfield, Suffolk. Mr A.F. Goldstone and Miss K.P. Calman

The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Dr Leslie Goldstone, of Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, and Mrs Stephen Frankiss, of Westminster and Haslemere, Surrey, and Karen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Calman, of Radlett. Hertfordshire.

Mr M.S. Guy and Miss K.M. Morkill The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Guy, of Wrozeter, Shropshire, and Kate, daughter of Mr Tom Morkill and Mrs Mary Jane Branch.

Mr O.W.A. Rock and Miss M.R. Leatham The engagement is announced between Orlando William Adam. younger son of Mr and Mrs Tim Rock, and Miranda Rosemary, daughter of Mr Simon and Lady Victoria Leatham. Mr J.M. Salt

and Miss C.A.M. Cohen The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Stephen Salt, of Leigh-on-Sea. and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bruce Cohen, of London. Colonel R.A.S. White and Mrs A.G.M. Maynard The engagement is announced between Robert White, of South

Wiltshire, and Tessa, widow of Adrian Maynard, of Wolverton,

**Marriage** 

Lord William Compton and Mrs S. Langdale The marriage took place on Thursday, November 21, in London, of Lord William Compton to Mrs Sarah Langdale.

#### The Atherley School, Southampton

The Church Schools Company has appointed Miss Anne Burrows to be the Head of The Atherley School in Southampton. Previously the Deputy Head and Director of Curriculum at St Paul's Girls' School, London, she will take up her position from January 1, 1997. The Atherley Senior School will move to a new site in September 1997 in 33 acres of grounds at Grove Place, Nursling, Southampton.

#### Festival of Austrian-**Jewish Culture**

Sir Sigmund Sternberg was the moderator at a symposium which took place at the West London Synagogue on Tuesday. Professor Allerhand, Mr George Clare, the Chief Rabbi of Austria, Mr Paul Hamburger, Mr Joseph Horovitz, Mr Milein Cosman Keller and Mr Leon Zilman were the speakers.

#### Luncheon

H M Government Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC. Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at 1 Cariton Gardens yesterday in honour of Mr Josef Zieleniec, Foreign Minister of the Czech Republic.

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The Securines Institute Training and Qualifications Awards have been presented by Sir Martin Jacomb, Chairman, Prudential Corporation. at the Gibson Hall, London ECZ.

Securities Institute 1996 Prize Winners

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The Securities Institute Regional Award: Nicholas Lyal, Timey
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The Investors Chronicle Interpretation of Financial Statements Award: Cameron Teague, Cazenove The APCIMS Private Client Investment Advice and Management Award: Thomas Eyre, BWD Rensburg The LIBA Corporate Finance Award: Mark Payne, KPMG Mark Payne, KPMG
The LIFFE Financial Futures and
Options Award: Simon Cochran.
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Reception Oriel College Oriel College held a reception in the Royal Armouries at the Tower of London last night to launch the Oriel History Poundation Appeal. The Provost, the Rev Professor Ernest Nicholson, proposed the toast to HM The Queen, the College's Visitor. Lord Dacre of Glanton, Patron, and past Regius Professor of Modern History, and Mr Jeffrey Bonas, Chairman of the Oriel College Development Trust, also spoke. Sir Michael Howard and Sir John Elliott, Patrons of the Appeal, and past and present Regius Professors of Modern History, Fellows of the College, and many Orielenses of all generations

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#### Birthdays today

The Right Rev M.E. Adie, former Bishop of Guildford, o7: the Rev Lord Beaumont of Whitley, 68: Mr Boris Becker, tennis player. 29; Mr John Bird, actor and writer, 60: Ms Helen Jon Cleary, novelist, 79; Mr Tom Comi, actor, 54; Miss Jamie Lee Curtis (Lady Haden-Guesth, actress, 38; Mr Brian Dance, former Head-master, St Dunstan's College, 67; Brigadier Hilary Dixon-Nuttall, for-mer director, Army Nursing Sensions Brigadier Hilary Dixon-Nuttall, for-mer director, Army Nursing Services, 57: Mr Terry Gilliam, film animanor, 56: Sir Peter Hall, director of plays, films and opera, 56; Mr Stephen Hough, concert pianist. 35: Sir An-drew Huxley, OM, FRS, physiologist, 79: Lord liffle, 52: Mrs Billie Jean King, termis player, 53: Professor Sir John Kräll, geologist, 62: Mr Wayne Larkins, cricketer, 43: Mr Neil McGrath, rachborse trainer, 40; Mr Peter McMaster, civil servant, 65: Mr Peter McMaster, civil servant, 65: Mr John Newman, trade unionist, 65: Mr Justice Owen, 71: Mr R.M. Reeve, Justice Owen, 71; Mr K.M. Reève, Head Master, King's College School. Wimbledon. 62; the Earl of Romney. 86; Mr H.A. Sweetbaum, chairman, Wickes, 59; Sir Michael Walker, diplomar, 80.

#### **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: Thomas Cook, pioneer of travel agencies. Melbourne. Derbyshire, 1808; Charles de Gaulle.
General. President of France 1955.
Lille, 1890; Benjamin Britten. Bazon DEATHS: John Thadeus Delane, Editor of The Times 1841-77. Ascot. 1879; Sir Arthur Sullivan, composer, London, 1900: Lonenz Harr writer. New York, 1943; C.S. Lewis, writer. Oxford, 1963; Aldous Huxley, novelist. Los Angeles, 1963; John F. Kennedy, 35th American President 1961-63 assassinated, Dallas, 1963: Mae West, actress, Los Angeles, 1980.

#### Carpenters

Sir Michael Hopkins presented the Carpenters' Company prizes at the Building Crafts College prizegiving held last night at Carpenters' Hall. Prizes were also awarded to the winners of the national classes of the Institute of Carpenters, Carpenters Craft Competition. Mr F.D. Hornsby, Master, welcomed the guests.

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BIRTHS

SORODA - On November 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Jennifer (née Ross) and David, a beautiful son. A brother for Jessica.

BOYAJIAN - On November 18th at The Portland Hospital to Pamela and Mark a beautiful daughter Mary

COLEMAN - On November 13th at St Mary's Hospital, Fortsmouth, to Amanda (nee Williams) and Charles, twins, Emma and James

CORRIE - On November 13th, to Louise (née Prince) and Richard, a daughter, Alice Lucindo McLeod, a sister for ENNER - On November 19th, to Katja (née Gort) and James, a son, Edward, n brother for Victoria.

FLETCHER - On 18th November 1996, to William and Lulu, a son, Charles William Louis, a

MANNA - On November 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Taghrid and Roed, a beautiful daughter Mariam

MACKINTOSH - On November 5th 1996, to Vivien (nee Matthews) and Ken, a daughter, Serena Alice Amore, a sister for

MACKINNON - On 17th November, to Marie-Pauline (nee Elseky) and Donald, 3 (nee Elseky) and Donald, 3 son, James Charles Arthur Notti. MARRIM - To John and Paquita (nës de Zulusta) on 19th November, 8 502, Micholas Arkhur, brothet to Natalia, Isabelia and Caterina.

ACHONG - Bert Gooting M.B., BCH., B.A.O., F.F.P.R.C.P.I., M.D., D.S.C., F.R.C.Path. Quietly and with his usual

DEATHS

Quietly and with his usual great dignity on November 20th aged 67 years. A loving and muck loved brother, uncle, companion and friend. Funeral Service followed by cremation at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday 20th November at I pm. Memorial Mass and scattering of ashes at a later date In Port of Spain. Trinidad, W.I. Further enquiries to Leverton & Sons Ltd., tal: (0181) 455-4992.

ATKEY - Colonel Ron FLWM, FLMgt, FRGS. (pet'd) Royal Engineers, Died bravely on 19th November 1996. Former Departy Director The Ordinance Survey. Devastating loss to his family and many friends. Requiem Mass Tuesday 26th November 1996 11.30 am St Dunstan's, Heatheide Crescent, Woking, followed by cremation. Flowers to Cooperative Faneral Services. 11 Goldsworth Road, Woking Donations to British Heart Foundation.

LACKBURN - The Reve Canon Donald, peacefully on November 20th 1996. The funeral will take place at St Garmons Church, Garmons Llanfochain, Powys, on Edday November 29th at 12 noon Donations if desired to The Church Mission Society. Enquiries please to the Funeral Directors I. Jackson & Sons, tel: (01691) 648243

BOLY - On November 16th, to

Rose (née Scott) and
Charles, a daughter, Allegra
Emily Rose, a sister for Flora BRISTOW - Nicholus Roger Lyell, Air Commodore Rafretired, on November 18th peacefully as home after much suffering borne with great courage. Beloved husband of Una and father of Clave, Jane, Robert and Edward, Much loved grandee of Anna, William, Victoria, Rosie, Tom and Eatharine. Private cremation. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Andrew's Church, Old Clave, near Walchet, at st Andrews Chairs. Out Classes, near Watchet, Somerset, on Monday December 9th at 11.30 am. No flowers please but donations to The Royal Air Force Renevolent Fund would be appreciated and

BUHTON - On November 19th
1996 Miss Mary Burton
peacefully at home aged 97
years. Former teacher of
Downe House School, near
Newbury. Frivate cremation.
Memorial Service at St
Mary's Church, Chieveley,
Newbury. on Tuesday
December 3rd at 2.30 pm.
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sent to Camp Hopson F/D. sent to Camp Hopson F/O, Northbrook Street, Newbury, Berks. RG14 1DN, tel: (01635) 522210.

> COOK - Phd on November 17th 1996. Professor Adrian Maxwell (Archle) aged 81 years. One time Dean of Health and Life Sciences, University of Cardiff. Husband of Kay. Cremation Private. Donations if desired for Althelmers Disease Society may be son to Harry Society may be tent to Harry Tomes Ltd. Barham House, Tower Road, Boscombe, BH1 4LA, (01202) 394340.

CUMMING - Doris Jean of Wootton Bridge, Isle of Wight, died peacefully in St Mary's Hospital, Newport on 19th November 1996. Funeral Service at the lale of Wight Crematorium on Tuesday 26th November at Wight Crematorium on Tuesday 26th November at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired in aid of Earl Mountbatten Hospice c/o Leather Weaver and Westmore Funeral Directors, 45 Upper St James Street, Newport, 1.0.W. tek (01983) 529090.

de BERTODANO - (Née Prodger) on November 17th poscefully at Royal Marsden Hospital Sutton, Lynn of Vines Cross, Sussex, aged 33 years, Dearly loved by all her family. Funeral Service on Tuesday November 26th at St. Mary's Church, Newtick, Sussex at 2 pm followed by cremation, Family flowers only please. Donations to Royal Marsden Hospital Co. P & S Gallagher, Fraser House, Triangle Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 4HW. Tel: (01444) 451166. e BERTODANO - (Nec

DOWDESWELL - Professor Wilfrid H. of Melksham, Wilishire, peacefully at home on 20th November 1996. Dearly loved husband of Marian and dear father of Allson, Diana and Colin. Funeral Service 12 noon Wednesday 27th November at St Michael's Church, Atworth, Melksham, Wilchire No flowers please by request. Donations if desired to Wiltshire Wildlife Trust d'o D.]. Bewley Funeral Directors, 49 Round Ponds, Melksham, Wiltshire SN12 8DW. A Memorial Service will be announced at a later date.

EVANS - On Wednesday 20th
November, Philip Herbert
died peacefully at
Southmead Hospital
Beloved husband of Lucy,
father of Nicholas and
Stephen, father-in-law of
Elaine and Sarah and
grandfather of Kim, Lucy
and Kate. No flowers.
Donations if wished to The
Haematology Unit,
Southmead Hospital to
whom we express our
appreciation for all their
care and understanding,
funeral Service at Canford
Cramatorium on Wednesday
27th November at 11 am.

GARDMER - Brian Arthur on 17th November 1996, peacefully at the Royal Brompton National Heart and Lung Hospital London, after a short unexpected filmess. Dearly hoved husband of jean and devoted father of Emma and Lucy Will be greatly missed by (amily and thends. Femeral Service at St. Peter's Church, Furze Platt, at 11 am on Wednesday 27th November. Donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation, 16 Fluthardings Street, London Will 4DH. Flowers and coquiries to Pymm & Rooper Funeral Directors, 65-67 Moorbridge Maker, 1904. Maidenhoad, Berks. S Tel: (01628) 23822.

Gil.PIN - On Monday 18th November at Penrith New Hospital, Robert Bernard of Brough, Cambria, Beloved son of the late Richard and Florence Gilpin, aged 71 years. Funeral Service will take place at 2 pm today, Friday 22nd November at Carlisie Crematorium. In lieu of flowers it so desired, donations to Penrith and Carlisie Hospitals may be sent c'o Davidson Brothers, High Street, Brough, Kirby Stephen, Cumbria. HALL - Jonathan, of Brighto

HALL - Jonathan, of Brighton, Schoolmaster at Engle Mouse School, Sandhurst, Cambelley, Survey, died on Sunday 17th November at school, Funeral 1.45 pm Monday 25th Novembet at St Michael's Church, Sandhurst, followed by cremation Memorial Service January 11th 1997 at Wellington College, Crowthorne, Jonathan's wide-spread family would be delighted if contributions were made to the Jonathan Hall Memorial Fund at Engle House.

HEFFER - On November 19th Stephen John aged 48 years. Dear son of John and Bunty of Dry Droyton, Cambridge, and brother of Richard and James Funeral Service at St. John's Wood Church (Lord's Roundabout) London NWS on Tuesday November 20th at 12 noon Family Howers only. Donations, if desired, to The Artists' General Benevolent Institution, Benevolent Institution Burlington House, London W1. A service of thanksgiving for his life will be arranged in Cambridge at a later date.

HORBS - On 19th November 1996, peacefully in hospital, Mary free Adams), in her Slet year. Widow of the late Ernest Hobbs and mother of Anne and Christopher. Any donations to The Leukannia Unit at Queen Alexandra Hospital, Southwick Hill Bond, Cosham, Portessouth (Cheques to F4 Trust Fund). JEPSON - Adj. on November 16th aged 95, to the end the constant core of her family, Beloved mother, grandmother and groatgrandmother. Funeral at Weedon Methodist Church, Weedon Aylesbury, Bucks. at 11.45 am Tuesday, November 26th. FD - KY. Green, tel: (01296) 82041.

KEMPE - On November 20th
1996 at Regent House
Nursing Home, Hove, Mary,
aged 83 years, Widow of
Donald, loving mother of
Anne and Bichard, and
grandmother of Christopher,
john, Tamsin, Samantha and
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Margaret, aged 85. On 16th
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November, 11.15 am at St
Feter's Church, Woodford
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LAING - Olivia (née Salew) died peacefuily on November 20th 1996. Wife of the Late Major Ian Laing, 16th Light Cavalry, Indian Army. Will be sadly missed by her daughters Moira and Marjorie, their families and friends. No flowers please but donations if desired to Morie Curie c/a Stevens, Goodburn & Spawton, Goodburn & Spawton,

Goodbarn & Spawton, Melton Mowbray, tel: (01664) 481201. MARNHAM Hillery, on November 19th, peacefully at home. Devoted wife of the late Harold Marnham QC, much loved mother and mother-in-law of Andrew and Elizabeth, Charles and Tricia and beloved grandmother of Karle, Rachel, Clare and Sophia. Funeral Service at St Faith's Crematorium, Norwich, on Friday 29th November at 3pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Community Nursing Care Fund. cto The Surgery, Market Place, Halesworth, Suffolk.

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Charles McDowell on 20th
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herman Marian (née Fearn) born 21st February 1898 died at her home at Nynebead Court, Somerset, 19th November, Widow of

SORTGOMENY - Peacefully on November 20th 1996, Mortliner (Monty) Montgomery MBE. Funeral Mass at St Thomas More RC. Church, Mariborough, on Thursday 28th Rovember at 1) 45 m No Glowars Caurch, Mariborough, on Thursday 28th Rovember at 11.45 am. No flowers. Donations for East Witchile Health Care, Oak Unit, Savernake, c/o T. Free & Sons, The Parade, Mariborough, Wilts. SN8 IME.

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NICHOLSOM - Suddenly on November 19th Michael Burrows aged 61 years. Dearly loved husband of Helen, much loved son of Dors, loving father of Mark, Emmo, Sophie and Louise and dear grandpa to Carl, Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Long Marston, York on Monday November 25th at 1 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, denations to the British Heart Foundation (York Branch) co Midland Bank, 13 Parliament Street, York YOI 13S.

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PHILLIPS - The Revd. W.U.
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Monday, November 25th at
6.30 pm. Requiem Mass.
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Wales, Cardiff.

ROBERTS - On November 18th ROBERTS - On November 18th

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1996 peacefully at
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Davies aged 74 years.
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loving mother of David,
Andrew and his wife
Lorraine and devoted Nahato Charlotte, Helena and
Katle, Service at Southport
Crematorium on Monday
November 25th at 12 noon.
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Enquiries (01704) 565594. SEMPLE - Isla (nee Hartley)
died peacefully near Bola on
November 20th. Wife of the
late Robert (Bob) and
mother of Alan and Jane.
Funeral private.

RAMDALL - Gwendoline Sybli (née Webber), peacefully on 16th November 1996 at Kingston Hospital after a long illness, Beloved wife of Denis, devoted mother to Eosalind and Trevor, mother-in-law of June and Martyn, much loved grandmother of Carmel, Clivia, Andrew and Alexander and great-grandmother of Corrina. The funeral service will be held at St Mark's Church, Surbiton, on Monday 25th November at 10.15 am, followed by a Service of Committel at 11 am at fingston Crematorium, Bonner Hill Boad, Kingston upon-Thames. Flowers, or donations if desired, for 'Age Concern', may be sent to Fredk. Paine, 265 Ewell Road, Surbiton, usk (0181) 399-2060.

399-2060.
SEYMOUR COOPER - Amm, died as she lived a true star on November 20th at Princese Royal Hospital, Hull, Wife of the late Colonel Cooper of Elloughton, much loved mother of Jane and Charile. Thanksgiving Service at St. Helen's Church, Welton, on Thursday 28th November at 11.30 am preceded by a private cremation. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to the Still Ward Endowment Fund at Princese Royal Rospital, Hull, Hull 99th.

BLOAN - JB. (Jack), heavely

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SLOAM - J.B. (Jack), hravely and peacefully on November 20th, beloved husband of Joy and devoted father to Fonny and John and grandfather to Genma and Adam. Funeral Service will be held at Foole Crematorium on Wednesday November 27th at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Fitends of Forest Holme may be sent to Mews Funeral Directors, 3 Bournemouth Road, Parkstone, Poole, tel-Road, Parkstone, Poole, tel (01202) 741169.

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SHER - Fother Semuel John, dled peacefully on 17th November 1995, aged 86 years in the loving care of the Sisters at Nazareth House, East Finchley, Much loved by his family and all who knew him. Requiem 11am. Thursday 28th November at Chimub of St Monika, Palmers Green N13 followed by interment at St Mary's. Cemetery, Kensai Green Donations please to Sisters of Nazareth, 162 East End Road, N2 ORU.

SUMPSON - On 19th Novemb Esther Simpson, O.B.E. Legion d'Honneur Cesterreichische Ehrenkreu: Legion d'Honneur, Cesterraichische Ehrenkreuz für Wissenschaft und Kunst, Hon. LLD. (Leads), Hon. LLD. (London), Hon. MR.C.P. a beloved aunt to Vivian and Julia and great-aunt to Rebecca and Judith, for many years Assistant Secretary of the Society for the Protection of Science and Larning and the and Learning and the Society for Visiting Scientists. A tireless worker for the oppressed. Thanks to Scientists. A tree-for the oppressed. Thanks to for the oppressed. Thanks to staff at the Royal Free Hospital. There will be no funeral ceremony at Dr. Simpson's own request.

TUDDENHAM - Anna, on November 6th peacefully at her daughter's home after a long lilness, showed immense courage and strength of spirit during her last and difficult year. Loved wife of Trevor and beloved mother of Melanis and Nik.

VARLOW - On 19th November, in Pembury Hospital after a thort tilness, Kenneth Wells (Ken) aged 81. Cernation on Friday 29th November at 22 noom at the Trubridge Wells Crematorium. Flowers to E.R. Hickmort & Son, 41 Grove Hill Ecod, Tunbridge Wells.

ROCTER - Winifred May, born 22nd November 1896. A loving and dearly loved mother.

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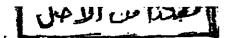
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### PROFESSOR HUGO BUCHTHAL

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Professor Hugo Buchthai, FBA, art historian, died on November 10 aged 87. He was born on August 11, 1909.

n authority on the history of both Byzantine and Western medieval art. Hugo uchthal was a scholar whose ork, if not intended for a ier public, was in its factual our to provide a fundamen source of reference for all her specialists in his field. ommitted to the austere tradition of German art historians, he was drawn to his somewhat abstruse and neglected field of research at an early age and remained dedicated to it throughout his life.

His finest work, Miniature Painting in the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem (1957), was a model of its kind, bringing palaeographical and liturgical analysis to bear on meticulous visual examination of the

The cultural interchange between East and West was a persistent theme of Buchthal's work and provided the subject matter for several other publications. But he also wrote books both on the French and Italian manuscripts of the You Romance (Historia Foiana, 1971) as well as on Byzantine painting of a later period (Patronage in 13th Century Constantinople with H. Beiting, 1978).

Possessed of an extraordinary memory. Buchthal --though he worked whenever possible from original sources - could recall manuscripts he had looked at from almost any period of his life. Much of his research was centred around the Warburg Institute, which he served as librarian for some eight years while also lecturing at the Courtauld Institute. Later, as Professor of Fine Arts at the New York Institute of Fine Arts, he moulded the minds of future generations of art historians, passing on his own rigorous methods of strict historical and visual analysis.

Hugo Buchthal was born in Berlin into a cultured and financially comfortable Jewish family. He read philosophy



and art history at the Sorbonne before going on to study for a doctorate at Heidelberg University. There he was held in thrall by two of the most inspiring minds in his field: Erwin Panofsky, then Professor of Art History, and Fritz Saxi, director of the Warburg Institute - then known as the Kulturwissenshaftliche Bibliothek War-

burg. His academic career would probably have progressed unhindered in Germany had the Nazis not come to power and immediately set about imple-

menting their policy of the removal of Jews from all levels of German society. Jewish university teachers were peremptorily dismissed in the summer of 1933 and Buchthal was warned by Saxl that if he could not finish his dissertation within two weeks it was unlikely that he would be able to continue, for the Warburg Institute in which his research was centred was likely to be

ic year began. Astoundingly, Buchthal completed his thesis on the Paris Psalter in time, though

closed before the new academ-

al élite, among them Buchthal. But the library offered at first no regular jobs for junior staff. Buchthal, with the aid of a grant, studied Arabic instead at the School of Oriental and African Studies before taking up a fellowship from 1936 to 1937 at the University of Beirut. He made himself equally familiar with medieval Latin, Greek and Arabic manuscripts, and on his return to London he was in demand as a lecturer at the Courtauld.

dispossesed and exiled cultur-

The Warburg was evacuated to Denham on the outbreak of the Second World War and in 1941 Buchthal was appointed its librarian. Later, when the war was over and the Courtauld Institute was incorporated into the University of London, he combined this position with a lectureship in art history. Among the doctoral students whom he supervised at this time was Michael Kauffmann, later to become the director of the Courtauld. In 1949 Buchthal was promoted to Reader and in 1960 appointed to a Chair. He was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 1959.

It was in 1965 that Buchthal was lured to live in New York with the offer of a professorship at the then thriving centre of medieval studies at the New York Institute of Fine Arts. There he found himself enormously sought-after as a lecturer and he, in his turn, groomed his best students so that today they fill many of the most senior academic posts in America. Buchthal also lectured regularly, travelling all over the world.

On his retirement in 1975 Buchthal returned to live in London, but continued to travel widely and to research at the Warburg until into his eighties. Although he would sometimes humorously describe his later publications as his senilia, he was a man of the highest integrity who ceased publishing when he thought his work would no longer pass

the strictest scrutiny. Hugo Buchthal married in 1940 Amalia Serkin. She died a week after him. He is survived by a daughter.

#### ALEXANDER KELLY

Alexander Kelly, pianist and teacher, died after a stroke on October 23 aged 67. He was born on June 30, 1929.

NOT many teachers of Alexander Kelly's generation could match the influence he exerted. He gave a lifetime of service to the Royal Academy of Music, but his reputation was by no means confined to that single institution. As well as teaching the piano, he pursued an active and varied career as a performer, and was a regular and effective adjudicator of competitions and examinations.

Alexander Kelly's talent as a musician was first discovered by his Scottish primary schoolteacher, and he was only 17 when he won a scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music, where his teachers included Harold Craxton for piano and Lennox Berkeley for composition. In 1960 he returned to the Academy as a professor of piano. He went on to spend 34 years on the staff, eight of them (from 1984 to 1992) as head of keyboard studies.

As a pianist, he maintained an active career both as a soloist and a chamber musician. He made his Festival Hali debut playing C. P.E. Bach under Beecham, and gave solo recitals at the Wigmore Hall and the Edinburgh Festival. He appeared with many distinguished performers, but his favourite duo partner was always his wife, the cellist Margaret Moncrieff

The Classical period was Kelly's great enthusiasm, but he was also an effective advocate for contemporary composers. In recent years he recorded some fascinating English repertoire for the British Music Society and played a number of broadcast recitals for Classic FM, for which he provided his own spoken introductions -- witty, memorable and succinct.

Throughout his career he also served on innumerable juries, most recently for the Scottish International Piano Competition and as chairman of the Music Advisory Committee of the Caird Trustees.



He combined a capacity to judge at the highest level with an exceptional gift for inspiring young musicians of all

He was never interested in devoting himself only to the outstandingly talented. A glance at his diary for the past year reveals a number of appointments with distinguished soloists seeking his advice before performances of the major concerto repertoire on the South Bank; but these sit alongside consultation lessons for students from schools all over Britain, who came to play to him their Grade VIII repertoire before facing the rigours of the examination. All received equal attention, and an equal share of his boundless energy and formidable musical knowledge.

He had the great gift for a teacher of being able to distinguish between the important and the trivial, and he could sum up a battery of points in a single well-turned sentence. Always kind and encouraging to the timid, he could be formidably direct to the arrogant or the ill-prepared, though even then his nature was such that a smile was seldom far away. He was generous with his time and his hospitality. Pupils who came for lessons to his house in

ALEXANDER D'ARBELOFF

Barnes often found themselves on the receiving end not only of teaching and tea, but of food and philosophy as well.

Unlike many distinguished piano teachers. Kelly was willing to embrace new developments in keyboard design and manufacture. He had a close relationship with the firm of Yamaha and often demonstrated its Clavinova range of electronic pianos side-by-side with 9ft concert grands. In the piano industry, as throughout the musical profession. his gift for friendship made him a popular

His love of words was second only to his love of music. He cared deeply about poetry and published a small volume of his own poems under the title Visitations in 1986. Some of these celebrate music and teaching, others his long spiritual journey towards the Roman Catholic faith into which he was received in 1979. More often than not, as he travelled on the No 9 bus from Barnes to the Academy, he would have with him a book of poetry - sometimes Greek verse in the original. His intellectual curiosity remained undimmed after his retire-

He is survived by his wife

#### KENNETH WATKINS

oth Warkins, OBE Trust, died on November 13 aged 86. He was born on December 6, 1909.

WITH the rise of industrial farming techniques in the 1960s, the small woods, copses and spinneys which for generations have characterised the British countryside were rapidly vanishing, felled and ploughed over to make way for more convenient agriculfural management. It was this which led Kenneth Watkins. at a time when many would be looking forward to a peaceful retirement, to found the Woodland Trust, as organisation

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for the ownership and management of these fast disappearing woodlands.

Run on an entirely voluntary basis for its first five years, the Woodland Trust has now grown into a national conservation body owning and protecting more than 800 broad-leaved woods across Britain. As chairman of the trust for some 21 years Wat-kins guided its work, encouraging unobtrusive styles of woodland management.

Kenneth Watkins was born in suburban Bromley and educated at Merchant Taylors' School in London. But he had always had an interest in rural

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prepared to take responsibility life and in the late 1920s he moved to Exmoor as a farm pupil. There he found himself contented, not least because he had suffered from breathing problems in the polluted urban environment. He and his brother bought neighbouring properties which they farmed together for some years before going on also to establish a

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The business was successful, expanding considerably during the Second World War when there was an urgent need for agricultural machinery and vehicles. It continued to prosper when the war was over and Watkins began importing agricultural machin-

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erv. such as Voivo combine harvesters from Sweden. By the time the business was sold so that the two brothers could retire in 1972 it had become one of the largest importers of agricultural equipment in Britain.

he was later to expand and

revise what he had done,

publishing it in 1938 in the

Studies of the Warburg Insti-

tute. It remains a basic refer-

ence point for scholars of

Foreseeing the damage

which a Nazi regime would

cause to scholarship in

Germany, Saxl, with the fi-

nancial support of Samuel Courtauld — who had recently

founded the Courtauld Insti-

tute - arranged for the War-

burg library to be shipped to

London. There it became a

focal point for Germany's

Byzantine art.

However, parallel with his business commitments, Watkins had always taken a strong interest in conservation and wildlife. He became honorary secretary of the Devon Naturalists Trust in the 1960s. a position which he held for more than ten years and for which he was appointed MBE in 1971.

He was a keen wildlife photographer and won prizes

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for his work. His short film, A Naturalist's Year, won a Ciné World prize in 1960. In complete contrast, Watkins also enjoyed racing Formula 500 sports cars and competed all over the country.

Watkins founded the Woodland Trust in 1972, supporting it substantially from his own resources during its early years as a voluntary organisation based in the West Country. He launched the national expansion of the trust through the appointment in 1977 of a national development officer, John James, now the trust's executive, and he pursuaded the Countryside Commission that the trust should become the second organisation, after the National Trust, to receive a grant for land purchase.

In 1985 he donated 233 acres of his farm to the Woodland Trust and, in 1989, he was advanced to OBE for his services to conservation. The British Naturalists Association presented him with the Sir Peter Scott Memorial Award last year, shortly after he had been succeeded as chairman of the trust by a long-standing colleague. Yet despite the vigour and

determination of his cam-

paign for conservation, Watkins was a shy and modest man who shunned self-publicity and eschewed the limelight. He loved English country life and even in his eighties, despite breathing dif-ficulties which had dogged him since childhood, he could be found walking the woods. He is survived by his wife, Mary, whom he married in 1959. They had no children.

## Alexander d'Arbeloff,

entrepreneur and writer. died in London on October 30 aged 101. He was born in Koutais, Georgia, on October 21. 1895.

ALEXANDER D'ARBELOFF was descended from Georgian princes, military officers who had been granted their title by Imperial Russian decree in 1736. But although he lived in Russia for the first 25 years of his life — being educated first in Baku, then at the universities of Rostov and Moscow before serving as assistant to the Governor in Baku - in 1920 he and his relatives fled from the political turmoil of their native land. From then on, his life was to be one of entrepreneurial adventure.

D'Arbeloff first settled in Paris where he became interested in the burgeoning motion picture industry. In 1924, with the backing of an American heiress, he formed a company, Rodina (Russian for fatherland), later renamed Société Générale de Films (SGF) when his cousin Jacques Grinieff became involved. Grinieff, who had left Russia together with the d'Arbeloffs. was closely associated with Abel Gance, whose legendary film Napoleon he nurtured

and acquired for the SGF. Eventually resigning from his position as president of the company, d'Arbeloff moved into other spheres. He wrote two novels under the pseudonym Alexandre Darlaine and created a magazine of current affairs, Audace, which pioneered innovative techniques of photomontage.



However, being of restless disposition, d'Arbeloff began looking towards broader horizons. His next bold plan was achieved through a combination of chance, research, intuition and imagination. Studying a map of South America. he noted that the tiny, landlocked country of Paraguay had no outlets. What it needed, he realised, was a major road to connect it to Brazil. Ignoring any doubts or such practical considerations as the fact that he did not speak Spanish, d'Arbeloff set off alone for Asunción where he soon convinced President Eusebio that the road was a necessity and that he, d'Arbeloff, was capable of organising its construction.

In 1936 d'Arbeloff, together with his wife Blanche, their two small daughters and all the furnishings of their Paris home, including a grand piano, set sail for a new life in Paraguay. The road project began and, despite a temporary interruption when the

President was killed in a plane crash and replaced by another unsympathetic to the scheme, was eventually completed. D'Arbeloff and his family

moved to the United States where in due course they were granted American citizenship. But he continued to travel, often to Brazil where he initiated other major development projects. During the war, he worked in the administration of a New York shipbuilding сотрапу. Throughout his life d'Arb-

eloff's entrepreneurial enthusiasms ran parallel to a more thoughtful side of his personality. In later years it was this latter aspect which came to the fore. He published a book, The Word Accomplished, under the pseudonym A.B. Christopher in 1951. And in 1953 he directed, with his daughter Anne, an experiment in international understanding called Contrastland. In a villa in Florence, students from different nations were introduced to each other and to an understanding of one another's cultures.

Under the title Who Do You Think You Are? he conducted a series of filmed interviews with several well-known personalities including Françoise Sagan, Gipsy Rose Lee and Art Buchwald, though this was, in the end, never released. But his short film, Report on Love a comic view of the Kinsey report using animation, won him an award at the Cannes Film Festival.

For the last 15 years of his He is survived by his wife

life d'Arbeloff lived in London. Blanche and by two daughters and a son.

**BLUNT CASE 'KNOWN AT** NO 10 SINCE 1967 By Hugh Noyes

Parliamentary Correspondent WESTMINSTER Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, told a packed House of Commons yesterday that information Professor Anthony Blunt passed to Russian intelligence had seriously damaged British interests, although it was unlikely that British military operations or lives had been put at risk.

The debate ended without a vote and there were no serious calls for a public inquiry. Opening the debate on the events surrounding the activities of the self-confessed spy. Mrs Thatcher disclosed that, in spite of denials by Professor Blunt about his role in warning Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean in 1951 when they were about to be arrested, he did indeed help with the arrangements for their

escape to Russia. The Prime Minister said it was Philby who warned Burgess to tell Maclean that he was about to be interrogated and that it was Burgess who used Blunt as a contact with a Soviet controller to help with the arrange-

ments for Maclean's flight to Russia. He was joined in that flight by Burgess. It seems clear also from Mrs Thatcher's

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The news that Anthony Blunt, the eminent are historian, had been a Soviet agent was revealed by the Prime Minister in the Commons on ember 15. Five days later he gave interviews to The Times and The Guardian to the (understandable) annoyance of the rest of the Press. He died in 1983.

speech that the Queen was informed in 1964, after Blunt had confessed to espionage. Mrs Thatcher said after the Attorney-General's authority was given to offer immunity to Blunt, the Queen's Private Secretary, Sir Michael Adeane, was invited to a meeting with the permanent secretary at the Home Office and the director-general of the Security

Services. Sir Michael was told that Blum was suspected of being an agent of Russian intelligence. He asked what action the Queen was advised to take, and was told that the advice was to take no action.

Later the Attorney-General told the House that there could be no straight answer about the advice of the security service. It was a long-standing tradition, he said, that all communications between the Queen and her

Both Mrs Thatcher and Mr Merlyn Rees, the former Home Secretary, who opened for the Opposition, spoke of their disgust at what had taken place and of their belief that there could be no excuse of conscience for treachery. Earlier Mrs Thatcher told MPs that all Prime Ministers and Home Secretaries since 1967 had been informed about Professor Blunt; that would include Sir Harold Wilson.

Mr Heath and Mr Callaghan. Few of those listening to Mrs Thatcher could have avoided the conclusion that her clear but dramatic account of the events leading to the revelations of the past few weeks left little unanswered and that the directives to the security services, the law officers and other ministers have been thoroughly reviewed so that future prime ministers are unlikely to be bypassed as was Lord Home in 1964. Even the most suspicious of MPs must have been satisfied that here was no attempt to provide any sort of Establish-

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■ John Major was facing one of the biggest European revolts of his premiership as pro-Europeans united with Euro-sceptics to protest against his refusal to allow a Commons debate on the single currency.

Leaders of the backbench 1922 Committee were seeking an early meeting with the Prime Minister after he resisted demands for a full-scale discussion on three directives relating .....Page 1 to economic and monetary union....

#### Job agency boss helps Labour

■ The chairman of Reed Executive, the employment agency, was named as the Labour party's latest big business donor. Labour officials told The Times that Alec Reed was giving the party £100,000, lifting to £6 million the total it has raised in individual gifts from business people...... .. Page 1

#### Absent fathers

The growing ranks of expelled pupils are being swelled by children from middle-class backgrounds who lack fathers as role .. Page I

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The closure of the Channel Tunnel has brought a welcome return to the boom times in Dover with record numbers of cars and lorries pouring in...... Pages 1.7

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Diane Blood, the widow who fought for the right to use her dead husband's sperm to conceive, was outraged after being told she would not be able to take the sperm abroad ...... Page 1 **Husband was woman** 

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The Queen issued a Royal Warrant in which she removed the name of Diana, Princess of Wales from the prayers for the Royal Family used in Church of England services...... ...... Page 5

#### Surgeon accused

A surgeon was accused of putting the lives of a mother and her baby at risk when he refused to carry out an emergency Caesarean while another doctor was in the ......Page 8

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The mighty British oak has been excluded from the British Standards list of wood deemed tough enough to be used for building new homes or restoring ancient

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Students today have a higher income than those who studied at the end of the 1980s, according to an independent report ..... Page II

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Children as young as ten could be issued with electronic tags under government proposals to keep offenders off the streets and away from football matches .... Page 12 **EC** corruption

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acknowledged the existence of large-scale corruption but a Belgian police investigation is being blocked by the Commission's refusal to allow officials to be questioned .... **New Eboia fears** 

#### Fears of a spread of Ebola in

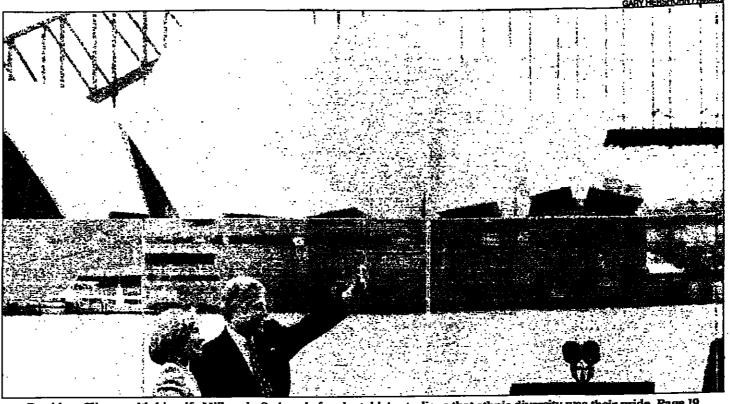
South Africa grew as authorities announced that they were monitoring two more medical staff with symptoms of the deadly .... Page 16

#### Refugees butchered

Hundreds of Hutu refugees forced home by fighting in eastern Zaire have been butchered by Burundi's Tutsi army, says Amnesty International..... Page 17

#### 'Dead' man escaped from guerrillas

Christopher Howes, a British mine clearance expert, who was reported to have been killed by Khmer Rouge guerrillas in August, has been found alive in a central Cambodian province. A Cambodian Army general said he was "fit and well but very thin". Mr Howes, a former corporal, was reported to have



President Clinton with his wife Hillary in Sydney before he told Australians that ethnic diversity was their pride. Page 19

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Coal: The all-party Public Accounts Committee attacked the Department of Trade over the coal sell off and questioned a success fee for N M Rothschild, the bank handling the privatisation.....Page 27

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The battle which is currently taking place in New York for the appointment of the future Secretary General of the United Nations has very little to do with the personality, the political choices, the qualities or the faults of Boutros Boutros Ghali, to whom the United States have refused a second mandate. The Egyptian diplomat is most importantly a victim of American domestic political struggles

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If News Gingrich proves capables learning from his mistakes, them can push forward a set of popula initiatives and dare the Preside veto them. It would be danger folly for Democrats to underest mate him.

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Miss World will be crowned in Bangalore. But no one is obliged in worship at her court ...... Page 23

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#### BERNARD LEVIN

I tell you that there can be no trade or work or business or craft or vocation - not even a Member of Parliament or a newspaper columnist - that can beat the stage for SUE CAMERON

Civil servants must never impac their political neutrality by, forth. ample, providing a minister was A killer phrases for a speech attacking the Opposition. But they can and should provide ministers with hard facts. If ministers use these to criticise the other side, that is their

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By resisting a debate on the floor of the Commons, ministers have maximised opposition and turned an issue mainly of interest to the sceptics into one of the rights of MPs - a self-inflicted and avoidable row....

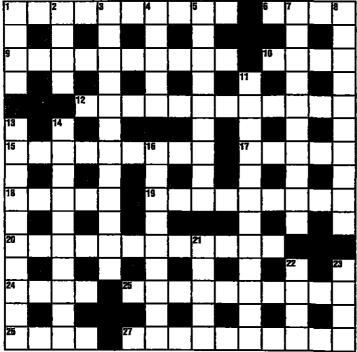
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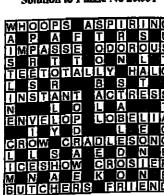
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of England will begin dry with sunny spells but showers affecting northern England will spread to most parts later. Western England and Wales will have sunny spells and showers, wintry in places. Northern Scotland will have fre-

quent, heavy wintry showers. Central and southeastern parts will be mostly dry with sunny spells. Southwest Scotland and Northern treland will have sunny spells and wintry showers. ☐ London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, Channel Isles: mostly dry and sunny but wintry showers later. Wind southwest light to moderate becoming moderate to fresh. Cold. Max 7C (45F).

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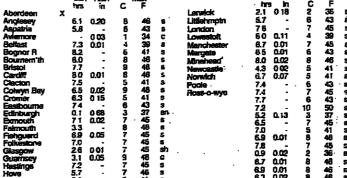
southwest mostly moderate turning northwest later. Cold. Max 5C (41F). SW England: surny spells and showers. Wind southwest moderate, turning westerly. Cold. Max 7C (45F). ☐ S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Argyll, N Ireland: sunny spells and showers. Wind west to southwest. Cold. Max 6C (43F).

Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Glasgow, Central Highlands: sunny periods and isolated sleet or some showers. Cold. Max 4C (39F).

Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: frequent winty showers. Wind moderate to fresh locally strong northwesterly. Cold. Max 5C (41F).

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